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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Death Inquiries

IN the course of a Criminal Sessions case this week it was revealed that one of the accused men, worried to distraction by domestic troubles, had been involved in two driving accidents in one of which a woman had been killed. It was added that no prosecution followed. The Police may have felt they had good reasons for not prosecuting, yet surely there should have been a Coroner's inquiry into the circumstances of the fatal accident? So far as we are aware there was no inquest, or if one was held, it was not made public. This is manifestly wrong. In Hongkong, magistrates who also act as coroners, appear to be given exceptional discretionary powers when it comes to death inquiry. The pertinent Ordinance lays it down that "when ever any person dies suddenly, or by accident or violence, or under suspicious circumstances... the magistrate may, if he considers an inquiry necessary, inquire into the cause of death" with or without a jury. The operative word in this clause is "may" which endows a magistrate with a measure of discretion which may not always function in the public interest.

IT is our understanding that in England, for example, where death results from an accident, or violence, or under suspicious circumstances, it becomes a coroner's duty to conduct an inquiry with the findings being made public. In Hongkong, with similar circumstances applying, coroners are permitted under the Ordinance to decide for themselves whether there shall be an inquest. It is possible, of course, that inquests are conducted every time anybody dies from unnatural causes, but if this be so, then many of them must be held in camera. A coroner's inquiry, however, is a matter of public importance and interest and any attempt to keep an inquest secret must be deplored. Where such a system exists it must undermine public confidence in the Authorities and arouse natural suspicions. The best thing Government can do is to amend the Ordinance making it mandatory for coroners to hold public inquiries where death is the result of accidents, violence or suspicious circumstances.

Troops Move In To Break London Petrol Strike

WALK-OUT MAY SPREAD BEYOND CAPITAL

London, Oct. 23.

The great petrol strike, which threatens to paralyse London — it has already caused strike-breaking troops to be moved to the capital — will probably go on over the week-end.

A mass meeting of 2,500 striking tanker drivers tonight failed to reach agreement with union officials on a return to work.

While the strikers were meeting, troops were moving in as the strike threatened to spread to other parts of the country. Carrying rifles and sten guns, they were ordered to stand by throughout the night, ready to move into strike-bound petrol depots on Saturday if required. On Government orders they will then take over the city's fleet of petrol tankers and keep essential services going.

As supplies of petrol dried up in London, first signs of the strike spreading came from Newcastle-on-Tyne, on England's northeast coast. There, 200 workers struck at a petroleum depot in support of the 6,000 London strikers who have ignored all appeals to return to work.

Reports came from the north of England today of Cumbria that petrol workers there were also considering strike action.

The Government hopes to smash the strike by bringing 2,800 Army and Air Force drivers to the fuel-starved capital before lack of transport brings complete paralysis. The strikers are demanding a ten shillings a week pay rise and full union recognition. They are also demanding that all non-union workers in the industry should be dismissed. They marched through the East End of London tonight and held a meeting on the Government's bid to outwit them, but came to no decision.

The strike leaders were later due to meet officials of the Transport and General Workers Union which has asked them to go back to work. The mood of the men today indicated that the strike—alleged to be partially inspired by the Communists—would last through the weekend at least. In the House of Commons, Sir Walter Monckton, Britain's Labour Minister, said: "There is serious ground to think that those who are inclined to Communist views and are members of the Communist Party are keeping this strike alive." The Labour Opposition endorsed the Government's action and said it had no alternative but to call on the troops. In London's dock area, lightermen threatened to support the strikers, and troops were ordered to handle fuel supplies there.

There were reports, too, that petrol men in the London Transport, the organisation which controls 8,000 buses and coaches would refuse to help the soldiers.

The strike, now four days old, is rapidly driving private cars off London's usually jammed streets; thousands of cars, vans, coaches and taxis have been immobilised and stranded all over the city.—Reuter.

Plane Crash Report Error

Beirut, Oct. 23. The crash of a two-seater Swedish plane in Syria two days ago was believed here tonight to have led to rumours of a Swedish airliner being shot down by Israeli fighters.

The Swedish Consul here reported this morning that a Swedish airliner, carrying 37 passengers on a chartered tourist trip from Sweden to the Mediterranean, had been shot down by Israeli fighters. But he later withdrew this statement and said the report had arisen through a misunderstanding over news of the crash in Syria.

A message from Damascus said the pilot and passengers of the Swedish plane were burned to death when they crashed about 50 kilometres (32 miles) from Damascus on Wednesday.

In Tel-Aviv, an Israeli Army spokesman categorically denied tonight reports that Israeli fighters had shot down a Swedish aircraft. He said no Swedish plane had crashed in Israel.—Reuter.

General Assembly Reconvened

United Nations, Oct. 23. The General Assembly of the United Nations reconvened at 2020 GMT today. The United Nations Political Committee debate on Tunisia was resumed at 2013 GMT with Russia as the first speaker.—United Press.

Trieste Talks Prospects Discussed

London, Oct. 23. Mr. Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, today discussed the prospects for the proposed five-power conference on Trieste with Mr. Winthrop Aldrich, the United States Ambassador here, according to a usually reliable source.

An American Embassy spokesman said Trieste was one of a number of issues talked over at the Foreign Office meeting in a general review of world problems.

Big three Western Foreign Ministers agreed the proposal for a five-power conference of Britain, France, the United States, Italy and Yugoslavia at their talks here last weekend. They did so in the hope of reconciling the belgrade and Rome governments in their bitter feud over the fate of the Adriatic coastal strip.

First reactions of the Yugoslav and Italian governments to the conference plan were not encouraging, diplomatic sources said. Signor Giuseppe Fellini, the Italian Premier, insisted on implementation of the Anglo-American decision to quit their zone of the territory and hand over to Italian control. President Tito said he could not go to a conference that pre-supposed or followed the transfer.

Diplomatic moves to arrange a conference are being coordinated in London.—Reuter.

Terrorists Derail Train

Georgetown, Oct. 23. Terrorists tried to derail a train on the coastal line east of here last night, according to a reliable source. They are said to have put a heavy metal bar across the line. A routine police patrol is claimed to have discovered the attempt a few minutes before a train from New Amsterdam was due.—France-Press.

Wanted Man Found Dead In Building

London, Oct. 23. William Pettit, 27-year-old tubercular patient, sought by police all over Britain for questioning in a murder case, was found dead tonight in a bombed out building where he apparently lay down to die four and a half weeks ago.

Pettit, said by his mother to be "dying of tuberculosis", was wanted for questioning in connection with the murder of Mrs. Tene Agnes Brown, 48.

Police have sought him for six weeks—using television to help spread his description for the first time in British criminal history. Pettit was in a recumbent position in a blitzed London building "as if he had simply laid down to die," a police doctor said.

Mrs. Brown, handsome dark-haired wife of a retired civil servant, was found murdered in a lonely place, which launched one of the biggest manhunts in Britain's history. They sifted through the usual spate of reports from all parts of the country that Pettit had been spotted, family appeals to him to "give himself up" were printed in the newspapers, and photographs of the tall, dark, young man were flashed on television.

But until today there had been no sign of him. The partially decomposed body was found when a public health official, investigating complaints of a bad smell, entered the darkened interior of a bombed grey-stone building in Budge Row, in the City of London.

The body, fully clothed, was lying in a comfortable position on an overcoat. Police were called at once, but it was not until about four and a half hours later that police stated: "It is definitely Pettit."

After a preliminary examination, city police said they believed the man died from natural causes.—China Mail Special.

RECEIVES NEW ASSURANCE

Washington, Oct. 23. The Italian Ambassador, Signor Alberto Tarchiani, said today after a 30-minute meeting with the Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, that he had received new assurances that the United States and Britain would not back out of their decision to turn over Zone A of Trieste to Italy.—United Press.

Future Of The PPP In The Balance

Georgetown, Oct. 23. The appeal of the People's Progressive Party of the deposed Prime Minister, Dr. Cheddi Jagan, to its members to be brave, inscribed in black letters on a red sign dangling before the Party headquarters here, assumed a new significance today as the Party was reported to be on the verge of disintegration.

The appeal was to be brave in adversity and in the "fight"—but the leaders of the Party were absent from British Guiana. Dr. Jagan and his Education Minister, L. F. Burnham, in London—or were threatened with arrest. It was pointed out that, if the Party was to be dissolved, Jagan and Burnham would lose all opportunity of speaking on the Party's behalf, either in Britain or in India, where they planned to go, if they were free to do so. If the PPP was banned, it was stated, then other organisations would also automatically be outlawed, including the so-called "political" trade unions and "above all the Communist-patterned 'Pioneer Youth'."

Disension within the PPP is also reported—along racial lines and specifically between members of African origin and Indian origin. And the story is going the rounds in Party circles that Burnham (African) had accompanied Jagan (Indian) to London in order to keep an eye on his doings.

JAGAN BLAMED
African disappointment with Jagan was now being openly expressed here and several leaders were blaming him for the Party's downfall. Others accused Jagan of being led by his wife.

Because of its short-lived spectacular triumph, the PPP decline is all the more harder and it appears to have caught some of its leading members unaware.

Only six months ago, on the eve of elections, the PPP had one seat in Parliament—that occupied by the dentist, Cheddi Jagan. The elections gave him 18 seats out of 24—he only counted on winning seven at the maximum.

This might explain the present failure of the policies of the party which, if it had remained the strongest opposition party, would have been able to carry out obstructionist tactics without sharing any government responsibilities.

In any case, it was pointed out that the new extremely liberal constitution which helped Jagan and his friends to disorganise the country's economic and political life had been formed in London and not in Georgetown. By taking action against the PPP, the British government had also recognised its own responsibilities.—France-Press.

1,456 Employees Lose Jobs

Washington, Oct. 23. The White House reported today that 1,456 employees were dismissed or forced to resign for security reasons in the four months ended on September 30.

The White House Press Secretary, Mr. James Hagerty, told reporters that since the Eisenhower Administration took office, 145,000 Federal employees have been let go for economy reasons.—Reuter.

TODAY'S RACING SELECTIONS

By "Rapiar"

RACE 1

Inspiration
Ping On
Bashful Beauty
Outsider:—Heltzpoppin.

RACE 2

Jennifer
Madame Butterfly
Mastery
Outsider:—Bright Bay.

RACE 3

Hiram C
Never Mind
Valbridge
Outsider:—Beautiful Star.

RACE 4

Rider's Wish
V. I. P.
Speedy Roger
Outsider:—Penforce.

RACE 5

Boyne
Scrabo
Trade Wind
Outsider:—Rowinglen.

RACE 6

Supreme Command
Adorable Atalanta
Glorious
Outsider:—High Speed.

RACE 7

Comet
Emperor Delight
Radio Star
Outsider:—Fighting Spirit.

RACE 8

Royal Command
Jorrocks
Henrietta
Outsider:—Winged.

RACE 9

Phoenix
Calamity
Roue d'or
Outsider:—Mourne.

RACE 10

Cornhill
Probability
Say When
Outsider:—Tiny Grey.

By "The Turf"

RACE 1

Inspiration
Heltzpoppin
Ping On
Outsider:—My Love.

RACE 2

Great Conqueror
Jennifer
Mastery
Outsider:—The Hopeful.

RACE 3

Never Mind
Hiram C
Beautiful Star
Outsider:—Boom Town.

RACE 4

Speedy Roger
Eudora
Crown Witness
Outsider:—Dashing Beauty II.

RACE 5

Scrabo
Easy-Going
Boyne
Outsider:—Amber.

RACE 6

Glorious
High Speed
Supreme Command
Outsider:—Easy Money.

RACE 7

Comet
Hurricane
Emperor Delight
Outsider:—Fighting Spirit.

RACE 8

Royal Command
Henrietta
Teddington
Outsider:—How Do I Know.

RACE 9

Phoenix
Calamity
Mourne
Outsider:—Fortune Teller.

RACE 10

Tiny Grey
Ataman
Harvest Field
Outsider:—Happy Returns.

EAST GERMANS CLASH AGAIN WITH POLICE

Berlin, Oct. 23.

The United States High Commission newspaper Die Neue Zeitung, said here today there had been another "severe clash" between armed East German police and anti-Communist "resistance fighters" near Cothus, southeast of Berlin.

Both sides were said to have suffered "losses".

Earlier this week the East German news agency, ADN, said "Fascist terrorists" shot and killed four policemen in gun battles last week in this area, near the East German-Polish border.

Neue Zeitung said the latest clash occurred in the past 48 hours after a big search for "resistance fighters" begun by the East German police last week-end.

The search was said to have followed the discovery of sabotage in mines in the

Senftenberg brown coal mining area.

Neue Zeitung said two police officers and several policemen were killed or severely wounded in the clash.

"Five members of the resistance groups of Polish, Czechoslovak and East German anti-Communists, armed with carbines and automatic weapons, were taken prisoner and immediately shot, according to a report of the People's Police," the newspaper said.

No other source has confirmed this report.—Reuter.

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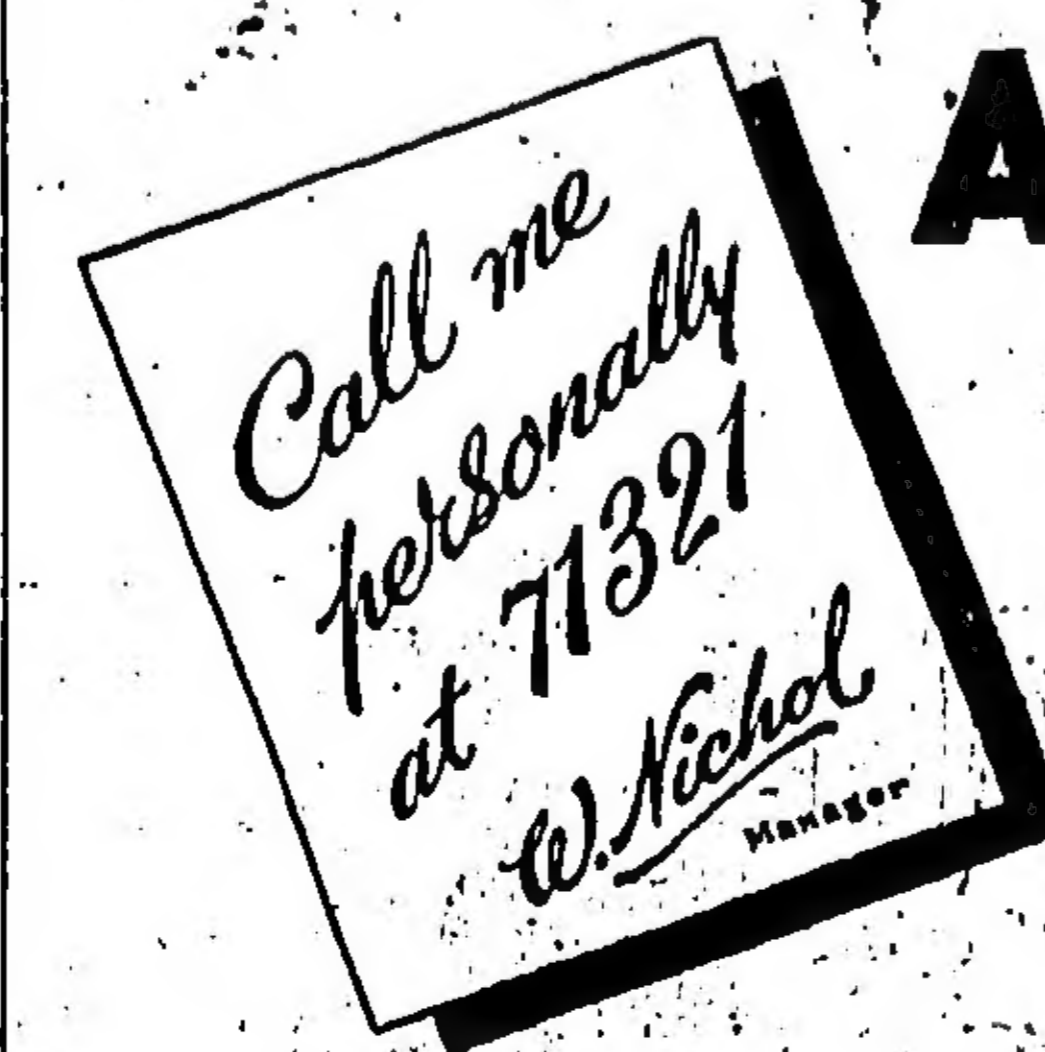


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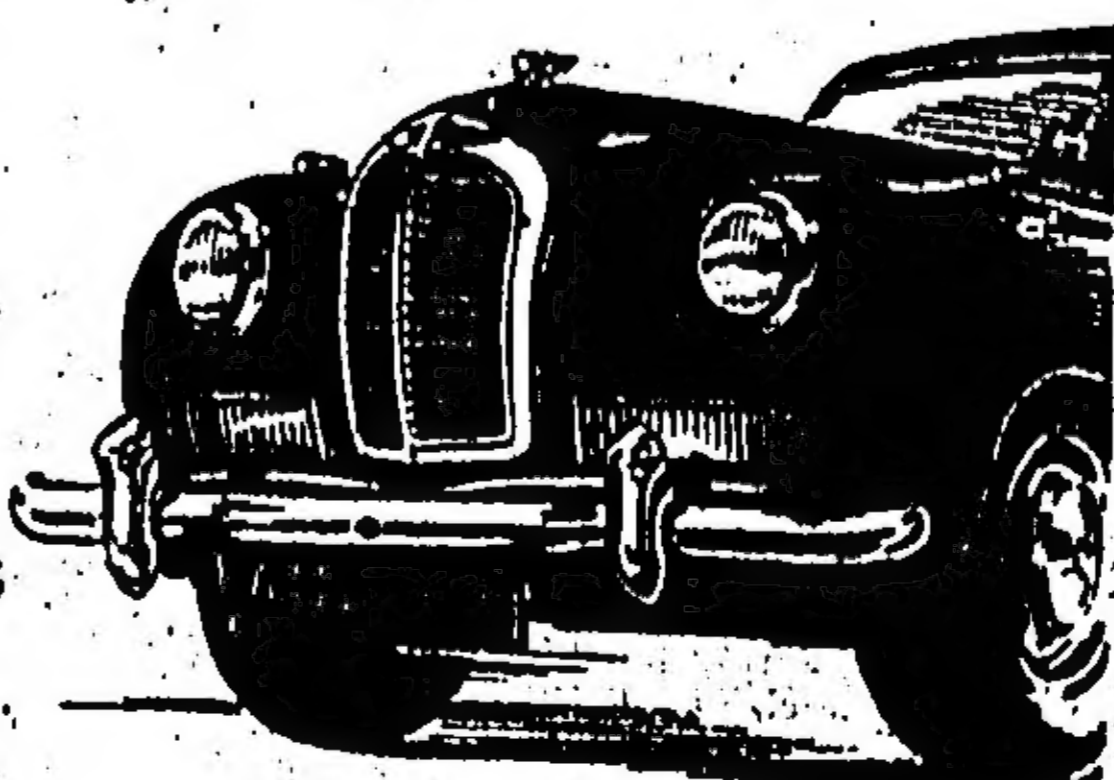
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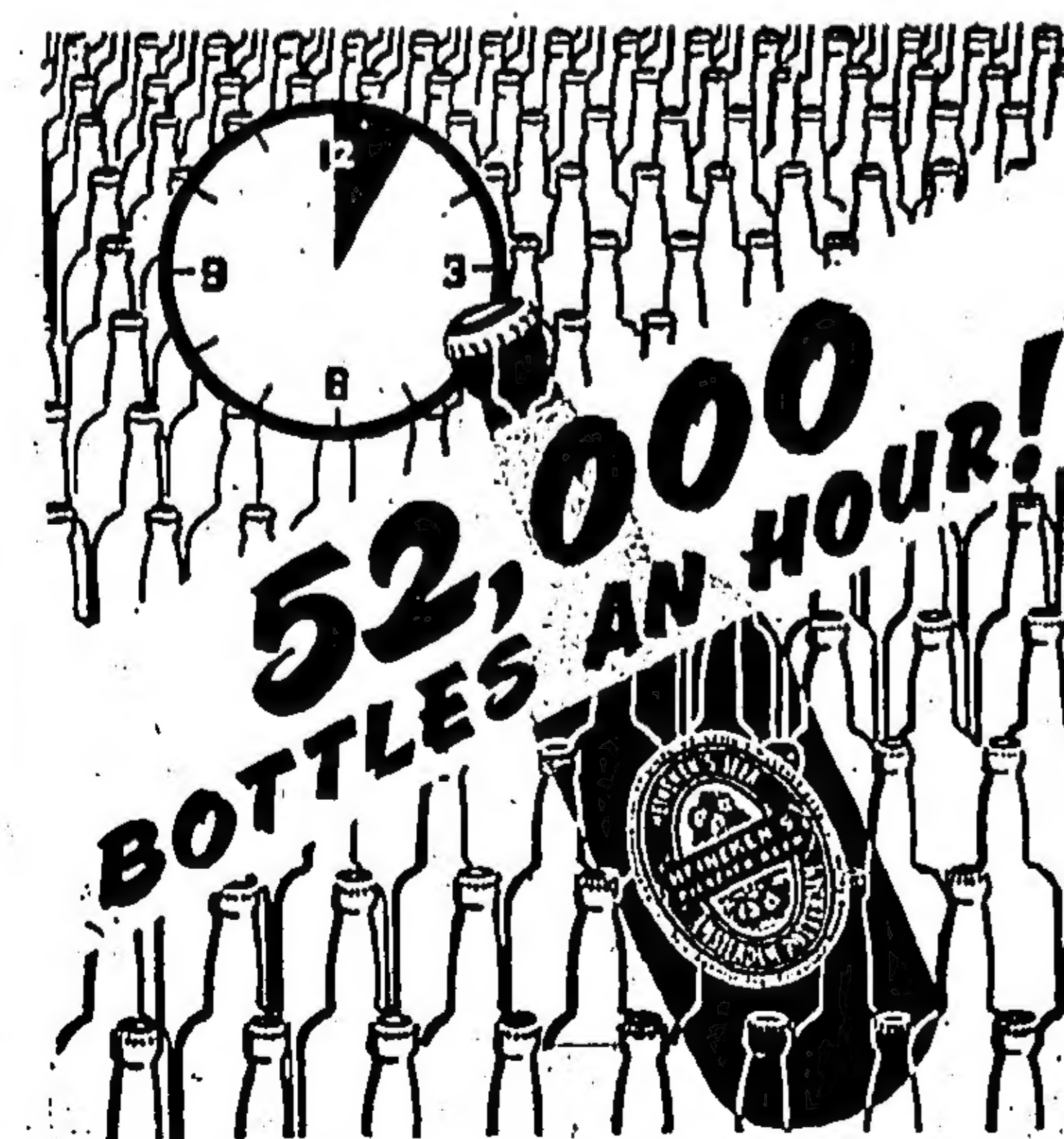
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FILMS—CURRENT AND COMING

By MARGARET BRUCE

There is quality to be found amongst the new films this week. "THE CRUEL SEA," "MY SIX CONVICTS," "MOULIN ROUGE," and also Walt Disney's "BEAR COUNTRY," should provide the answer for all film fans who get tired of groping amid a welter of minor thrillers and Westerns for something of a more solid nature.

I hope the box-office takings will plead their cause—our cause—more eloquently than anything I can write. It is the only tongue cinema managers understand, naturally.

"MY SIX CONVICTS" is showing at the EMPIRE and MAJESTIC. This is another film that I mentioned last week, and it is undoubtedly another must. Stanley Kramer has taken into his cunning hands an unattractive subject, although a well-written one, and has produced a film of, I would say, almost universal appeal. Don't be put off by the title if you can appreciate superb direction and acting. I was thrilled and amused and enjoyed every moment of it.

And now we come to our Great Guns—"MOULIN ROUGE." This

beautiful film will be showing, as well as the KING'S and PRINCESS. Ignore the "cheesecake" advertisements. They are entirely inappropriate. The can-can of the Moulin Rouge are the real thing, danced in Victorian knee-breeches, and with undisguised holes in the thick black stockings.

It is a truly clever film. I think a great one, but certainly not a pretty one, and certainly not for children. It tells the story of that great artist of the late nineteenth century, Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec, and, unlike so many film biographies, it gracefully introduces examples of some of his vivacious, brilliant work in close-up.

His life was a pathetic one. Crippled by a fall as a child he was known as the Little Monsieur at the Moulin Rouge that he made famous by his paintings. He grew increasingly bitter and became a hopeless alcoholic.

After a brief period of happiness snatched in the arms of a girl from the murky streets of the Paris underworld that he knew and painted so well, he meets his one true love, only to lose her and realise too late that she had, in her turn, loved him.

He drinks himself to death, and the closing scenes are among the finest in the film.

FERRER DOMINATES

The screen is dominated by Jose Ferrer as Loutree, with his beautiful speaking voice. (The loveliest I have heard in the cinema since Ronald Colman, and of far greater strength.) It is a magnificently sustained performance, though I personally felt that, visually, he was restricted by the intensity of his make-up.

Certainly it is not approached by any of the women. They are all perfect in type. They look the parts, they behave the parts but they don't act them.

Zsa-Zsa Gabor has some wonderful lines to say and she looks enchanting saying them but she needs attack—and she really should move her lips in time to the music if a singing voice is dubbed.

Collette Maranda as the steelworker is so nearly excellent that I felt it was a pity that they didn't "discover" her a film or so ago, so that she could have gained the experience required for this part. Suzanne Flon is just dull, but Katherine Kath as La Goulue, the dancer, gives a noteworthy performance. The colour is muted and lovely; some of the scenes of the French countryside are among the loveliest individual pictures I have seen on any screen.

The Paris underworld shots are as revealing as a Loutree painting; they are horrifying and yet an intrinsic part of this magnificent film. Don't miss it. (N.B.: Any confirmed alcoholics amongst our readers will discover an interesting new use for a walking-stick.)

A re-issue of "RANDOM HARVEST" is on at the CAPITOL and LIBERTY. This is to be followed by "RIDE, VAQUERO" starring Ava Gardner, Robert Taylor and Howard Keel. The story is based on the love of two men for a woman.

Surprised? The one is her husband, a visionary who takes his bid out West in the hope of founding a "Cattle Empire", whatever that may be. (It sounds terrifyingly like George Orwell's Animal Farm.) This part is played by Howard Keel, but not to music.

The other man (to whom she appears to ally equal, though more tempestuous, privileges) is a bandit, alias Robert Taylor, momentarily stripped of his armour.

Ava Gardner is the beautiful bone of contention and she is becoming an increasingly good actress.

However, the best performance is undoubtedly from Anthony Quinn as the bandit's wicked brother. We have come to expect fine work from this brilliant supporting player—you may remember him in "VIVA ZAPATA."

If you like hard-riding, hard-shooting and raw emotions here you are. Of course, somebody

has to get killed in the end and I leave you to discover who it is.

The LEE and GREAT WORLD have a highly coloured and romantic piece of Aladdin's Lamp nonsense called "GOLDEN BLADE," incorporating all one has come to expect from Piper Laurie, but this time the masculine beauty is provided by Rock Hudson. YOU may like it!

TRUE ADVENTURE

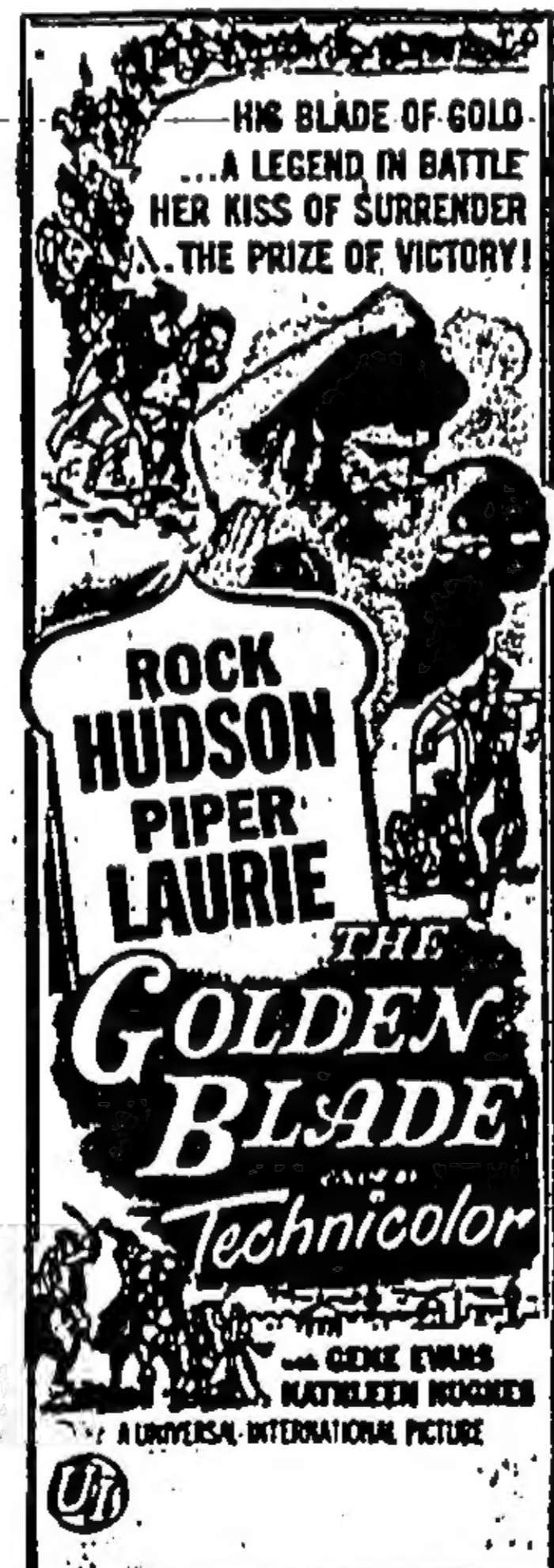
They follow up with "BELOW THE SAHARA." This is the true adventure story of Armand and Michaela Denis in Darkest Africa. They hunt with a camera instead of a gun, and though I have not been able to see it yet, it should be packed with thrills—the climax being a gorilla hunt. And, after years of believing that giraffes are dumb, here, I believe, they give vocal vent to their displeasure at being photographed.

With this is another of Walt Disney's priceless collection of nature films—this one is "BEAR COUNTRY." Like all in this series it is enchanting, well photographed and edited, with wit and drama intermingled with the startling revelations of the wonders of this world of ours. Try not to miss it, and be sure you take your family along.

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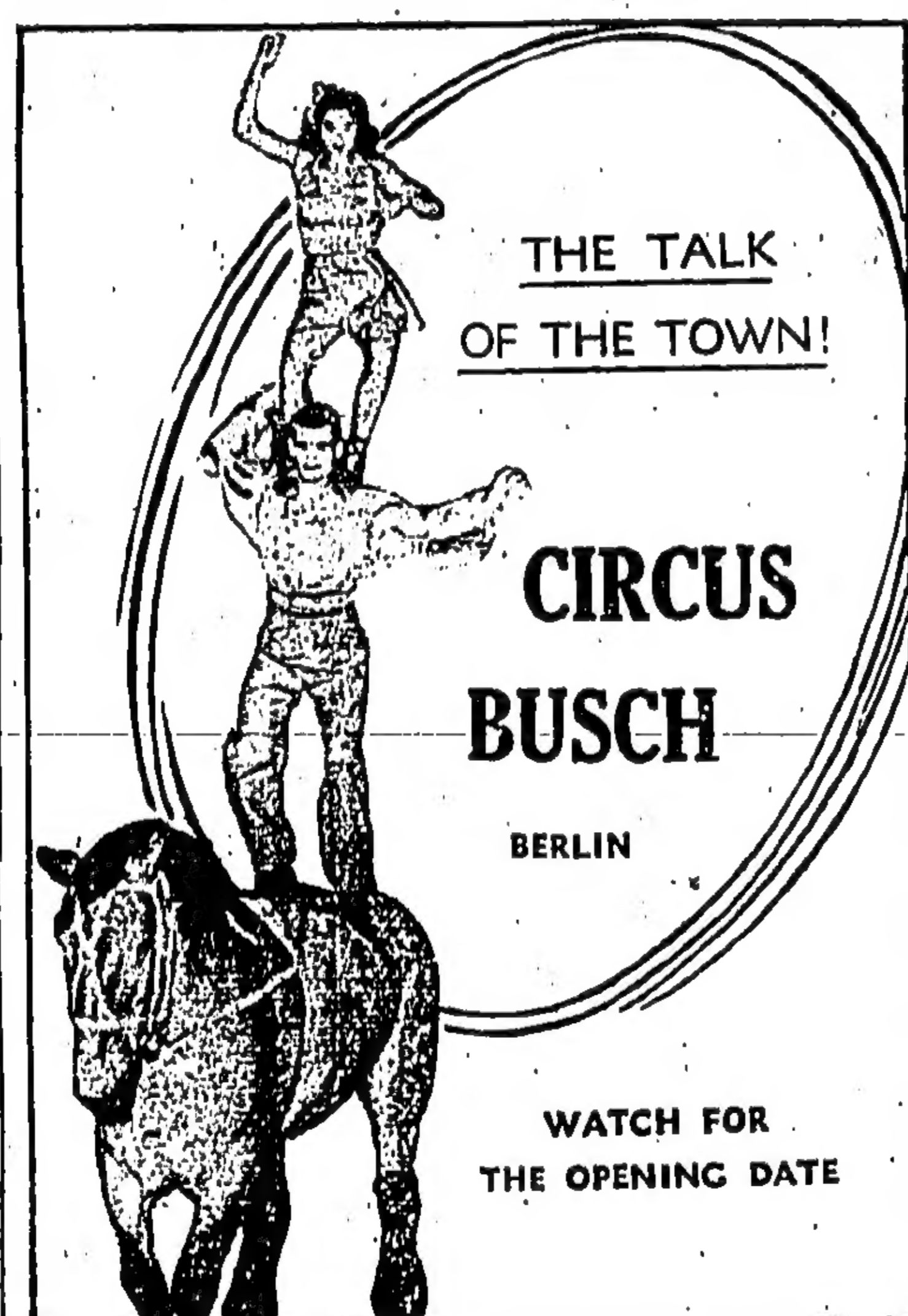
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THREE top names in ballet gather for a chat at a London party for the Ballet Espagnol Pilar Lopez, appearing at the Stoll Theatre. From left: Pilar Lopez, Arnold Heskell and Madame Rambert. (Express)



THE Marchioness of Townshend (right) discusses details for a charity auction with three of her helpers. They are (left to right) film stars Glynis Johns, Kay Kendall and Richard Todd. The auction was held at a cocktail party given at Claridge's in aid of the Royal Command film performance. (Express)

• HOMESIDE PICTORIAL •



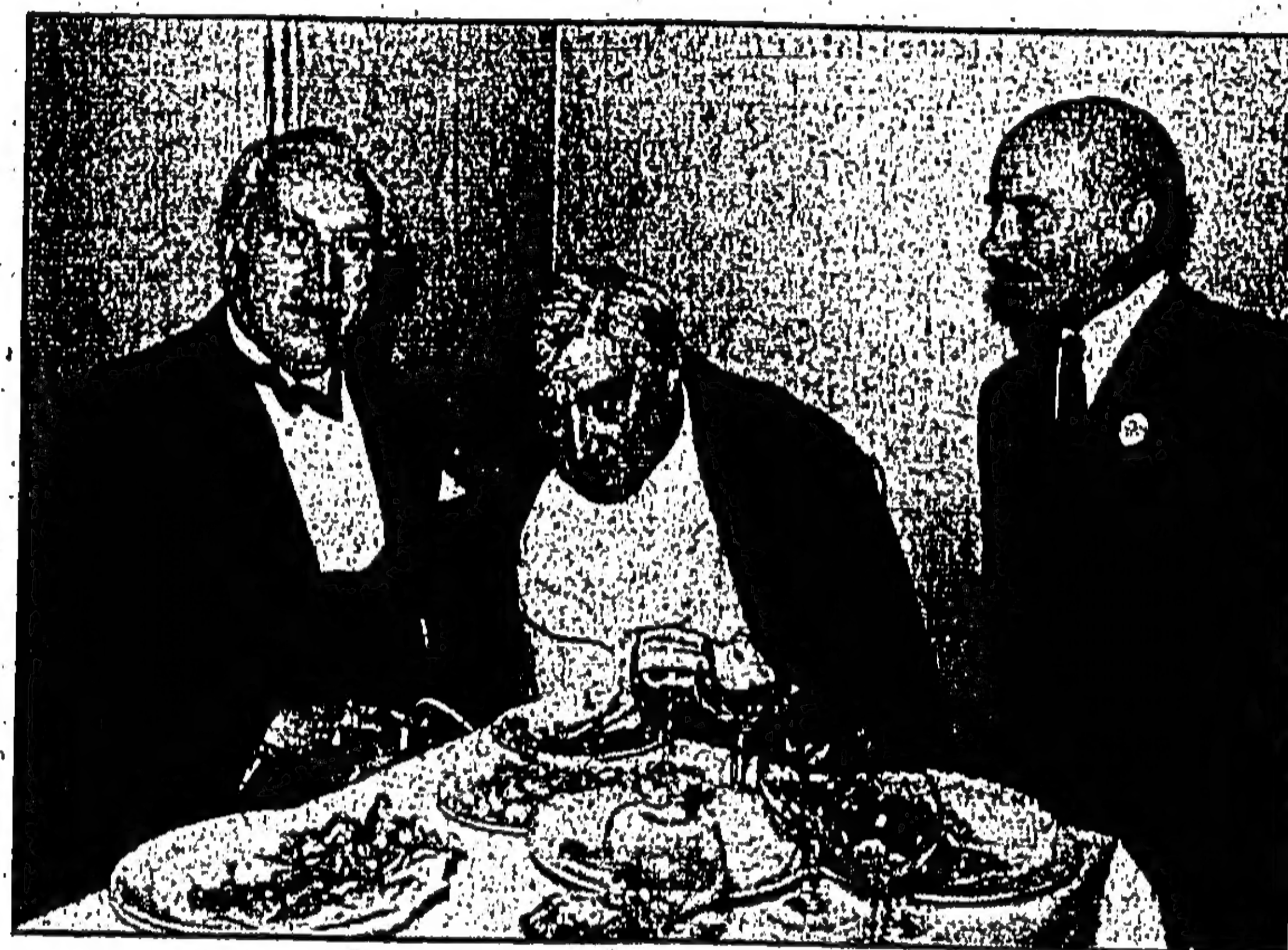
LADY Mary Baillie-Hamilton, 19, who attended the Queen at the Coronation, is seen with Mr Adrian Bailey, 23, on the day their engagement was announced in London. Lady Mary lives in Chelsea, but her family home, Tynningham, is near Edinburgh. Mr Bailey is with his family group of companies who make glass ware and ceramics. (Express)



MISS Joyce Riddell joins actor John Laurie and actress Claire Bloom (right) in a discussion about poetry at the Royal Festival Hall, where Miss Bloom read poetry to an audience for the first time in her career and won membership to the Apollo Society of Verse Readers. (Express)



ON his first visit to London, Nana Akenten II, Paramount Chief of the Ashanti tribes of West Africa, tunes in to a TV programme in his hotel. Aged 42, he has been ruler for seven years of 5,600 square miles of territory. He is married and has six children. (Express)



DR Ralph Vaughan Williams, the eminent composer, proposed the 21st birthday toast of the London Philharmonic Orchestra at an after-the-concert party backstage at the Royal Albert Hall. Dr Vaughan Williams, who became 81 last week, is seen with Sir Arthur Bliss (left) and Sir Adrian Boult, the orchestra's permanent conductor. (Express)



MRS Kotamawala, aged 79, and known as the grand old lady of Ceylon, photographed in her London hotel speaking by long distance telephone with her son, Sir John Lionel Kotamawala, who has just become Prime Minister of Ceylon at the age of 55. (Express)

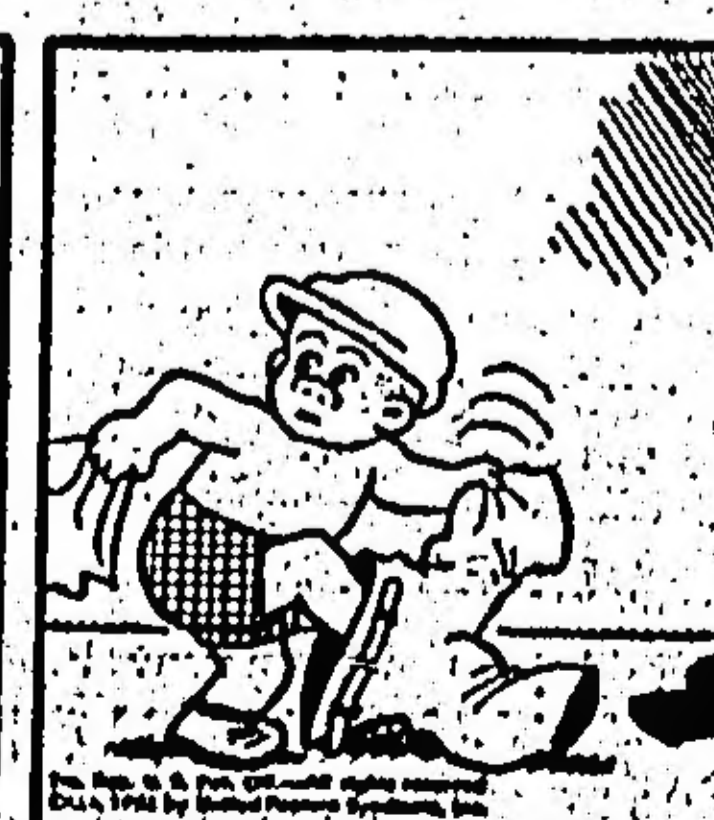


THE film record of the conquest of Everest was flown to New Zealand from England in the British European Airways' Vickers Viscount entered in the recent air race. Sir Edmund Hillary (left), who with Sherpa Tensing reached the top of the world's highest mountain, hands the first reel of the film to Mr Peter Masfield, BEA Chairman. Lady Hillary is in the middle. (Express)

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By Ernie Bushmiller

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The woman in his life

How much does a wife matter in the career of a celebrity? A new series sets out to gauge the woman's share in the success stories of notable men.

1—THE GRAHAM SUTHERLANDS

She tore up a letter . . .

And set him on the way to fame

by Francis Martin

THEY might so easily have missed each other. Kathleen Barry, then 16, first talked of going to Camberwell for art lessons. Graham Sutherland, 18, was thinking of the Slade School. At the last minute both decided to go to Goldsmiths' College, New Cross, instead.

Kathleen got there first. With three other girls she sat in a corner of the architecture room taking lessons from an architecture professor in fashion drawing. The professor would put a shoe on the table, say "Draw that," and disappear.

One Friday afternoon a dignified white-haired parent was shown around. With him came a blue-eyed, elegant youth, positively a

Vision. "That," says Kathleen Sutherland, thinking back to 1921, "was my first sight of Graham, a new boy. I nearly fell off my donkey, helplessly in love." (A donkey is a stool with neck at one end, against which the student props his drawing board).

"You must remember," puts in Sutherland apologetically, "that in 1921 there were few really young men at Goldsmiths. Most were men back from the war, studying art on Army grants."

"Yes," says Kathleen, "elderly gents of thirty."

Seven-year wait

SHE and the Vision walked and talked endlessly, showed each other their drawings, saw as plain as could be that they were meant for each other.

Both were hard up. It was seven years before they could marry. One thing that held Sutherland back was worry about security. Was he genuinely an artist? Would it not be safer if he got himself an art-teaching job for bread-and-butter's sake? No, said Kathleen, that would be the end.

Actually a teaching offer came his way from a school at Tunbridge Wells.

Sutherland, unable to make up his mind, wrote two letters, one accepting the offer, the other declining it. He gave both to Kathleen. "You decide," he said.

It did not take her more than a minute, Graham, she told herself, wasn't the teaching type; he would fritter away his own gifts and exhaust himself trying to uncouth gifts (mostly non-existent) in others.

"I saw a future of duodenal ulcers and wrinkles, with 'flu once a year. I tore up the Yes letter and posted the No letter. I can still see the pillar-box where I posted it as if it were yesterday. It was in a quiet little street at Epsom. I have never been sorer in my life I was doing the right thing."

Soon after this Sutherland's etchings caught the collector's

eye. When at last they married he was earning a thousand a year.

Kathleen Sutherland was then much as she is now, a gay talker, narrow winding lane in a small and scintillant, with darkling Celtic eyes. Most of the time she looked like something out of an Augustus John drawing, wearing bright, tight bodices, big hats, skirts that swept the ground, flat shoes with buckles. No jewellery, of course. Jewellery was smart, another way of saying squalid.

"She was very spectacular," testifies Sutherland. "Do you remember how people stared and how embarrassed I was?" But Kathleen wanted people to stare. She admits it frankly.

The etchings went on selling spiritedly. Then came 1929, and the Great Slump.

Sales sputtered out overnight. Sutherland had to go teaching for a while after all; two reluctant days a week at Chelsea.

Silent assiduity

KATHLEEN began drawing again (she had done so before marriage) for fashion and story magazines. They lived on the top floor of a Queen Anne house at Farningham, Kent, with little studios side by side.

Here they designed, drew, etched and painted in silent assiduity, while a fifteen-shillings-a-week maid cleaned, cluttered and cooked in the hinterland.

Kathleen drove up with her husband every week on his teaching days in their round-nosed Morris. While he taught she ran around magazine offices, portfolio under arm, turning over last week's drawings.

Since then Kathleen Sutherland has watched Graham become first an Eminent Vogue, then, thanks to his crazy, uncompromising Beaverbrook and Somerset Maugham portraits, a Fame.

Her clothes are sharply individual still, though a sardonic nearer the fashion keynotes. "Graham," she says, "is very interested in clothes. He gets awfully cross if I don't spend money on them. He's terribly concerned about the cut of a dress."

She has not drawn anything for years, immersed as she is in being her husband's secretary, watchdog and social aide. They have an enchanting white clapboard house down a Kentish hamlet with a silly, pretty name, Troilsciliffe.

Nowadays Kathleen is her own cook. Since the days of the fifteen-shillings-a-week maid she has discovered that cooking is hobby, art, adventure. "Try some of this brawny stuff," I obay and am bewitched by a mélange of prawns and chopped mackerel, with cream, tomato sauce and a hint of tabasco, all glacier cold.

At White House beef is cooked as often as not in wine. Leg of lamb, garlicked and cooled with flour paste, becomes pigot. The ravioli are home made. The plaids are poems.

In the studio

YOU eat at an ordinary sort of dining table which Kathleen has made extraordinary by marbling and varnishing its surface, so that you seem to be eating off the inside cover of an early-Victorian classic. Your feet are on rugs in mauve, black and mustard designed by Sutherland and worked by Kathleen in gros-point.

When the guests are gone she goes up a corkscrew staircase into the wide, white studio with its vertical troughs of strip-lighting where Sutherland is intensely thinking out, designing, modifying and re-designing the immense tapestry (30 feet high, biggest ever attempted) of Christ in Glory for Coventry's unconventional cathedral.

She cleans his brushes (he has 50 or more, perhaps 30 of them dirty at a time), knows what to throw away and what to keep when she tidies up, helps him on four-handed jobs, such as fixing canvas on stretchers, or "squaring up" big canvases with chalked string.

When painting a portrait he seeks her opinion at all the vital stages. It is she who says whether he has caught the likeness or if not, where he has gone wrong.

Their silver wedding is nearing, an incongruous thought in a sprightly household. "We are still terribly in love," says Kathleen. "It is being in love, I suppose, that keeps them young."

MONDAY:
The Maxwell Fyfe

THE HOUDINI OF THE SEA

By J. W. Taylor

FISHERMEN tending their oyster and shellfish beds around the coast of Britain are waging a ceaseless war in keeping attackers at bay—the starfish (or sea star) which they hate and which encroaches on their precious stocks at a steady six inches a minute.

A plague of starfish can inflict enormous damage to oyster beds. In 1918 they attacked the East Coast shellfish beds in such swarms that one trawl dragged up thirty-seven tons of "5-fingered Jacks," as fishermen contemptuously refer to them, but not until they had eaten up every oyster, cockle and mussel in sight.

Quite a character is this hijacking starfish. He can squeeze himself through incredibly narrow crevices; when an oyster which might have made even Houdini envious, and he can open an oyster with his "fingers" in that slick way oyster-bar attendants have always admired.

Plenty Of Time

Having gripped the two oyster shells or valves with its suckers the starfish heaves backwards and pulls them apart. The oyster can resist a short, sharp pull but not a long, steady one, and the starfish has plenty of time. He keeps on pulling until the oyster flies and opens up to be devoured.

Despite their overwhelming numbers, the starfish really has an infinitesimal chance of surviving the hazards of a marvellous life. In the beginning it is one of millions of free swimming larvae released into the sea by their mother, nearly all to be swallowed up by myriads of hungry fishes. Then those which escaped settled on sea-

weed to be betrayed by their bright colours to the eels and smaller fish which took further toll on their numbers.

The surviving few were next exposed to parasites, many of them to be destroyed by cold currents or gobbled by the gulls as they sought refuge in shallow water. And those that reach maturity fight a ceaseless war for survival.

Contortionist

Classed as an echinoderm—Greek for "prickle-skinned"—the starfish has an upper surface covered with leathery skin in which are little prickle-bearing plates of carbonate of lime through which it breathes. Underneath it has hundreds of tiny suckers which enable it to crawl over any surface.

The starfish uses its fingers to pass small pieces of food into its mouth which it usually keeps pressed to the ground. For big morsels it conveniently turns itself inside out and wraps its stomach round the prey, digesting the lots before resuming a normal appearance.

This marine contortionist may set off in any direction with equal ease. It moves hydraulically by sucking in seawater and forcing it along the finger which is to move first. Thus stiffened the finger reaches out. Its suckers take hold and water is withdrawn and used to stiffen hinder-parts. Thus the starfish seems able to get wherever it wants to and "see" its way about by means of extra-sensitive pigment spots at the tip of each finger.

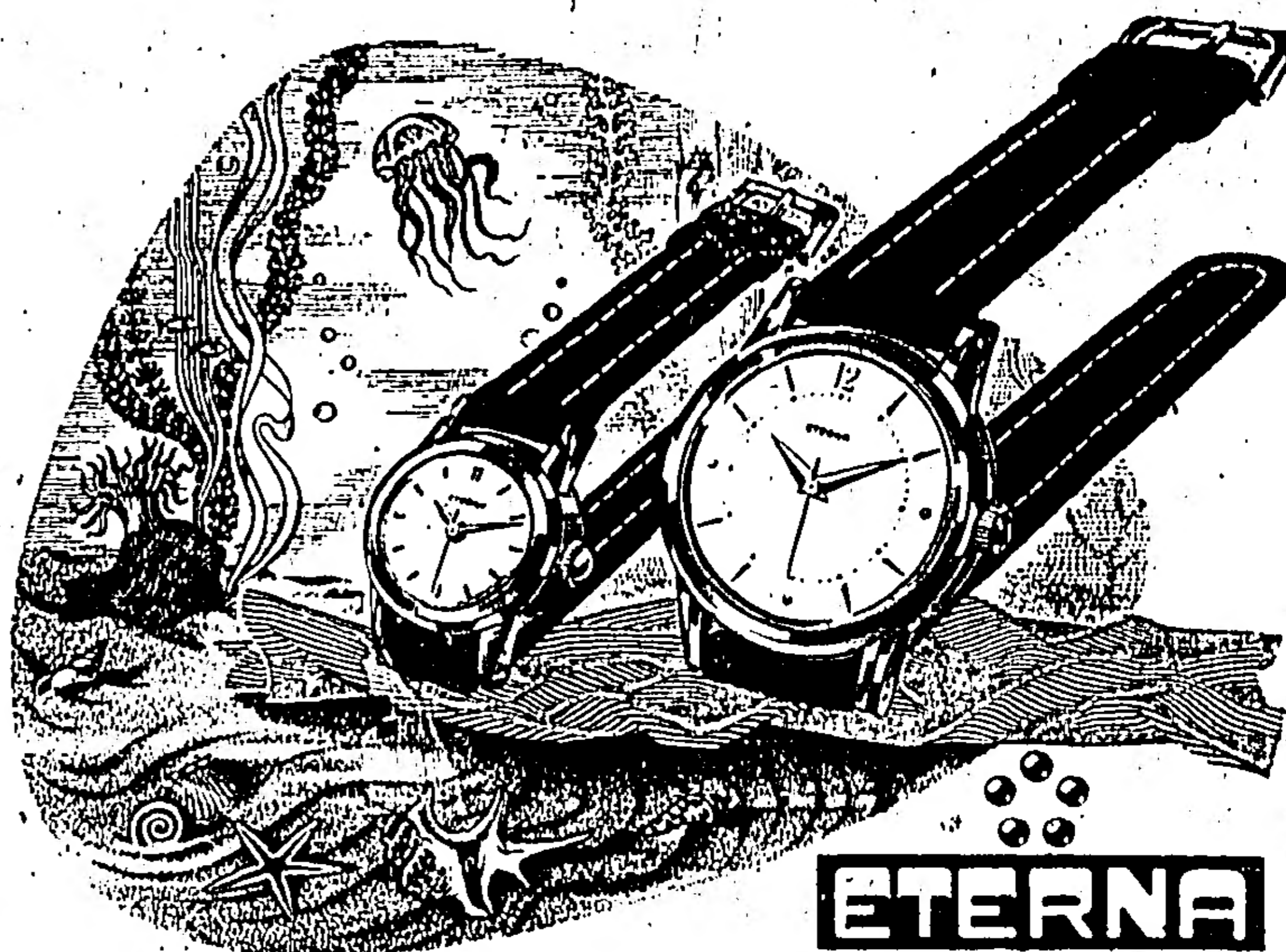
They have the last laugh in one respect on their implacable enemy the fisherman. The oyster tries to destroy them by tearing them apart, but the broken pieces grow new limbs and where before there was only one eater there are now two.

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THE tremendous blast near Woomera is the climax to an astonishing career.

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No success which he may later achieve will bring him greater satisfaction than the the Woomera explosion.

It justifies the complete faith which British defence chiefs and Cabinet Ministers have placed in Penney from the first.

The £120 million invested in atomic factories and equipment to produce the bomb is some measure of that faith.

'I can do it better'

WHEN no help was forthcoming from America in 1946, Penney, then plain Dr William, assured the Government that he could make a workable bomb which would be more efficient than any U.S. pattern and cheaper to mass-produce.

There was no one of sufficient scientific calibre to argue with Penney on this issue. His wartime career as an explosives expert, culminating in his appointment to the secret U.S. atom-bomb laboratory, had made him top British authority in this field. Even the Americans rate him as the world's best brain on atomic weapons.

So the defence chiefs gave him the go-ahead.

Penney has never been entirely happy working on weapons. He hates living behind a barbed-wire fence and being constantly protected by security men.

He would much prefer the life of a university professor of mathematics, which he can command at any time. But Penney has persistently put the needs of national defence before his personal ambitions.

It all happened as he said

THE experimental atomic explosion at Monte Bello last year proved that the novel detonating principle he had devised was sound.

Sir Winston Churchill said: "The weapon behaved exactly as expected and forecast in many precise details by Dr W. G. Penney, whose services were of the highest order."

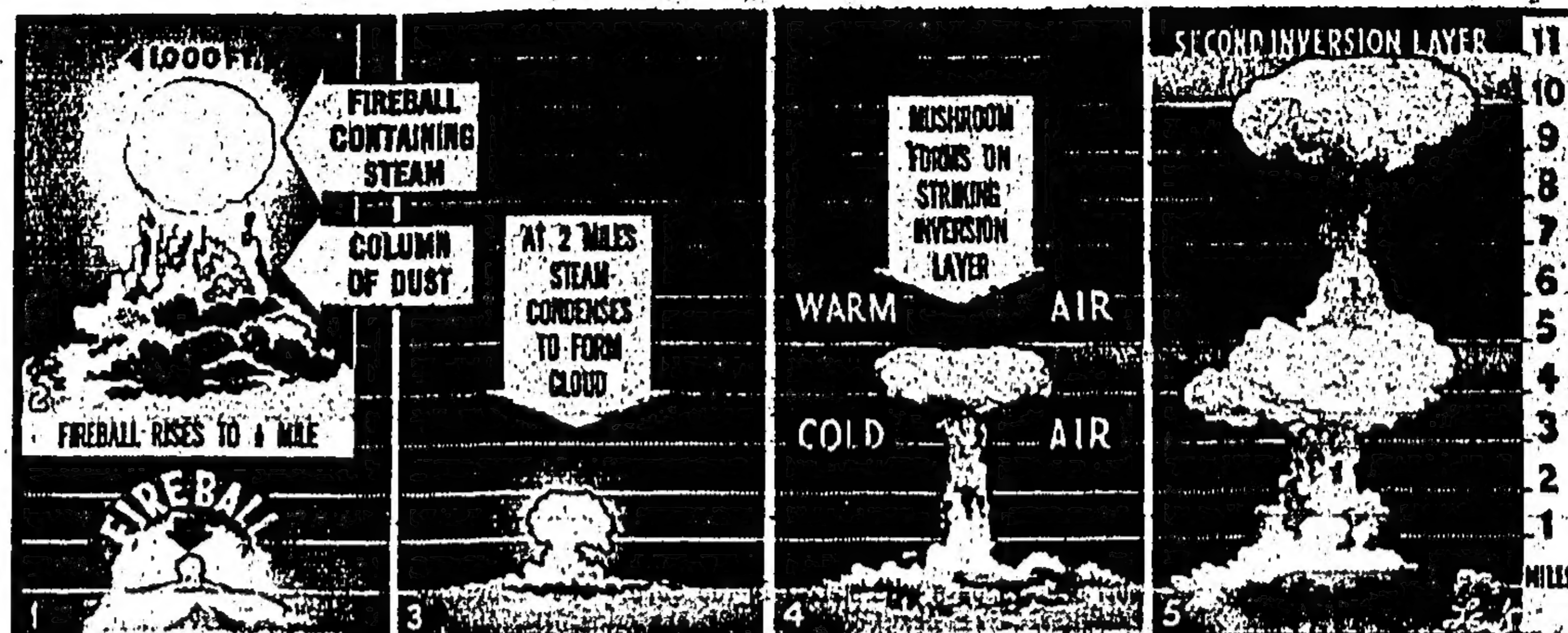
Now the test near Woomera has shown that this principle can be used in a bomb compact enough to be carried in an aeroplane.

PENNEY will remain in Government service for a few more years to make refinements to this weapon. But he doubts whether he will get any better basic ideas.

HE THOUGHT up his ingenious bomb mechanism nine years ago when he was 36. And Penney believes that scientists have passed their most productive phase when they have reached 40.

SPECIAL

by **CHAPMAN PINCHER**



FOLLOW THE CLOUDS

WHY is the "atom" cloud mushroom-shaped? This is what happens:—

The fireball formed in the first moments of the explosion (above) is a rapidly expanding mass of white-hot air filled with radioactive fragments.

Its heat causes it to rise and it takes with it any water vapour in the air near the ground. It also sucks up a great column of dust.

As the ball reaches cooler air the water vapour in it condenses to droplets forming a cloud. Eventually this cloud reaches what weather-men call an "inversion layer"—a layer of air which happens to be warmer instead of cooler.

'MUSHROOM'

At this layer the top of the rising cloud flattens out, forming the head of the "mushroom" which has become the symbol of atomic threat.

Part of the cloud may stream through this layer because the radioactivity in it is still generating heat.

This second column of cloud may meet another "inversion layer", thousands of feet higher up and form a second mushroom.

Final height of a double mushroom may be 11 miles. The shape of the cloud can be altered by local weather conditions. The Z-shaped cloud at the Monte Bello explosion for instance, was caused by strong winds.

AND NOW—HOW MANY?

HOW many bombs can Britain now produce? The exact rate of production is secret but a reasonable estimate can be made from information which has already been published.

Atomic explosive is made at only two factories—the plutonium plant at Sellafield, West Cumberland, and—the uranium 235 factory at Capenhurst, Cheshire.

The plutonium factory is about the same size as that which the Americans were operating in 1945. Their uranium 235 plant was considerably bigger than the Capenhurst factory.

Combined output of the two U.S. plants was enough to make six bombs a month.

Taking into account the increased efficiency of the British bomb and modern improvements in atomic explosive manufacture, the British production can hardly be more than ten bombs a month for the next few years.

SO THIS IS HOW IT ALL WORKS

THIS drawing (left) explains how the weapon is exploded: A hollow sphere of the metal plutonium forms the explosive core of the bomb. It is safe in this form, but explodes automatically if suddenly compressed into a solid ball.

The plutonium sphere is surrounded by many "shaped charges"—cylinders of ordinary T.N.T. high explosive in which a cone-shaped cavity has been hollowed out.

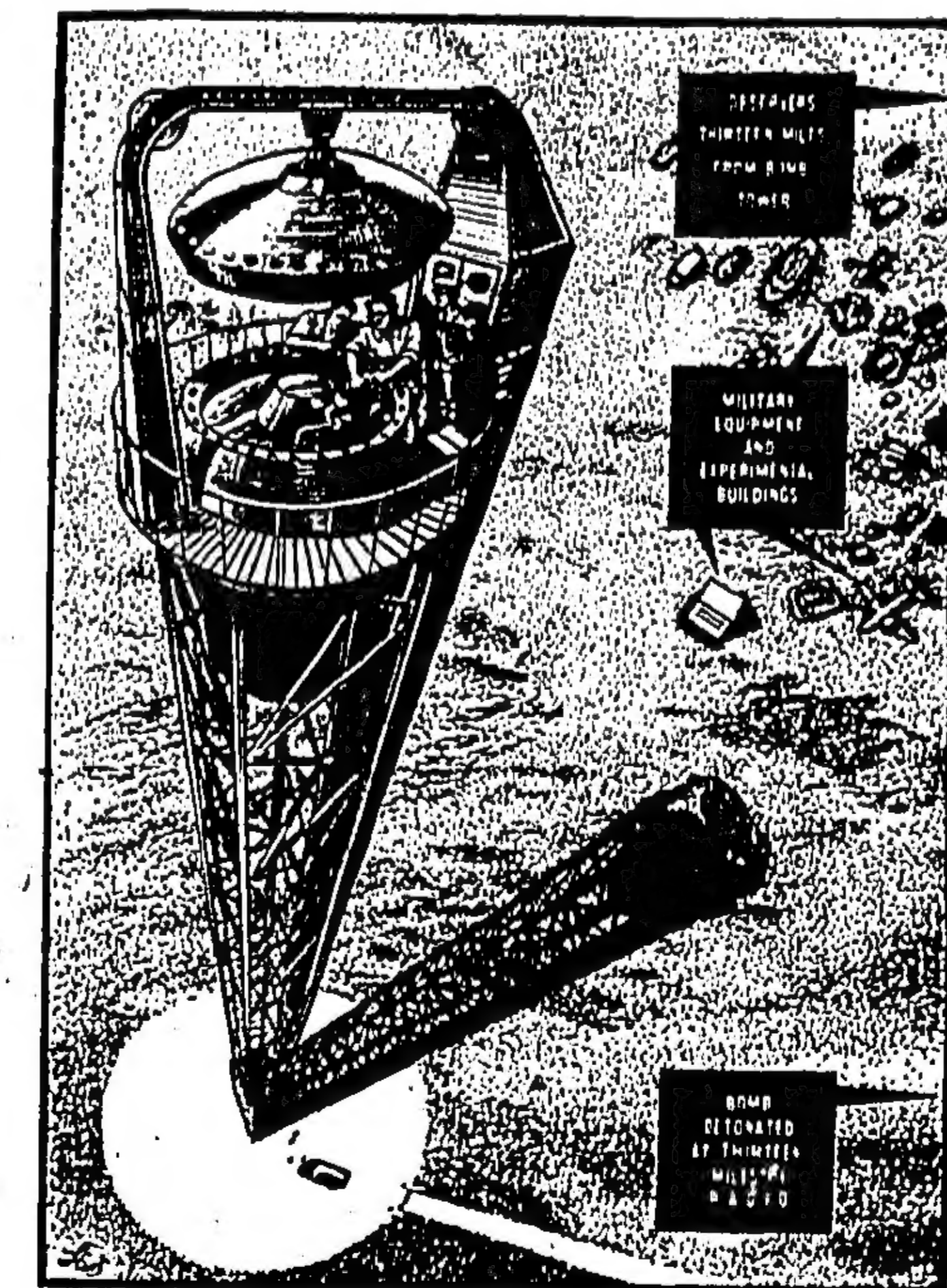
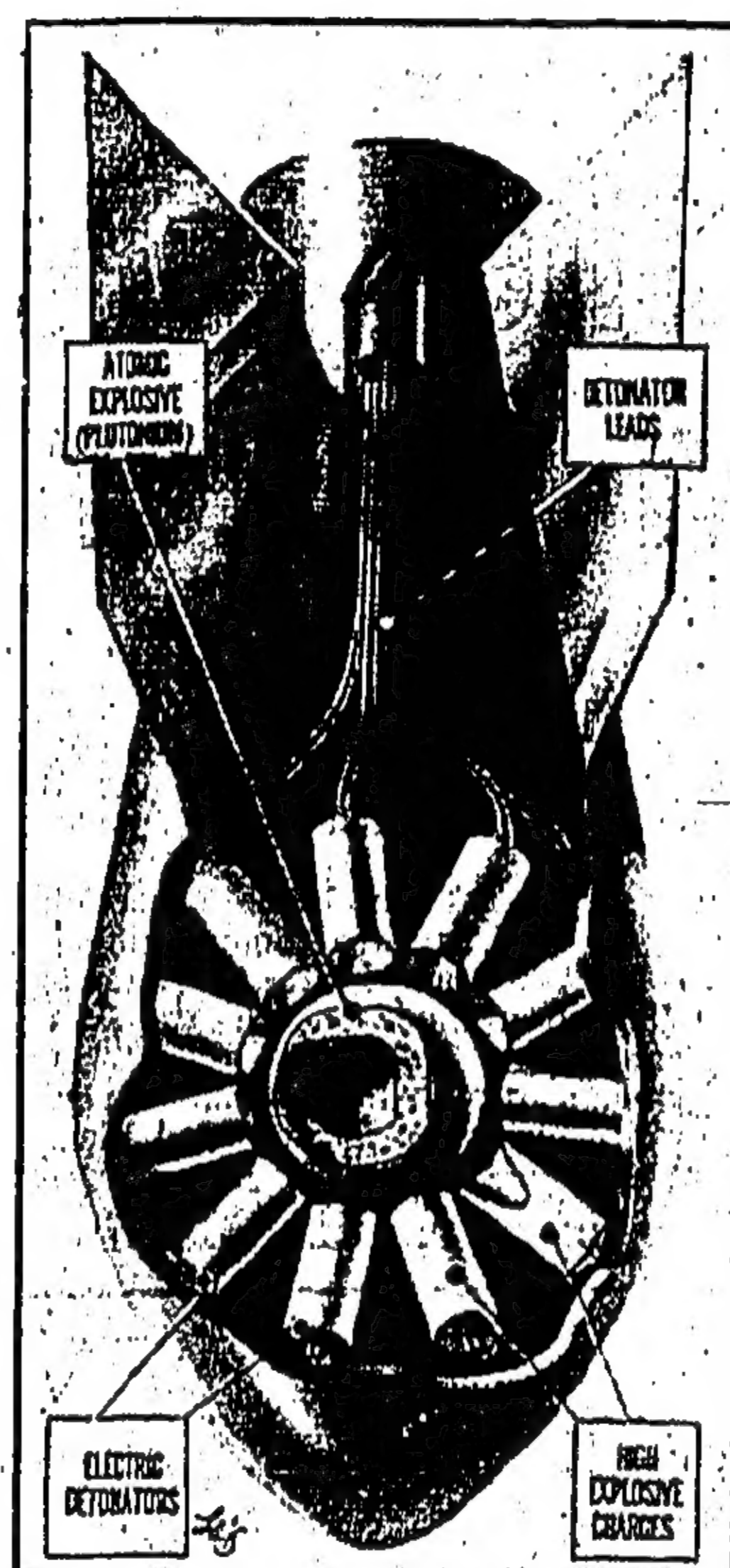
When the fuse in the bomb is set off—in the Woomera test this was done by radio from a safe distance of 13 miles—all the "shaped" charges detonate at once.

Because of their shape their blast is directed inwards to the plutonium sphere, instantaneously compressing it into a solid ball.

The plutonium atoms then split in a few millionths of a second, setting free enormous quantities of atomic energy in the form of heat.

This, of course, is only the principle of the weapon—which is already known to the Russians through the treachery of atom spies.

The ingenious refinements in the British bomb, which make it so much more efficient, are still secret.



Final adjustments on the bomb tower.

WHERE IT WAS ALL DONE...

FIVE places in Britain had a share in the Woomera bomb. Follow the stages of its production on the map below:—

1 The uranium factory at Springfield, near Preston, Lancs. It was converted from an I.C.I. poison gas factory in 1947.

Springfield has operated continually in shifts for nearly five years. So Britain's stocks of pure uranium must now be high.

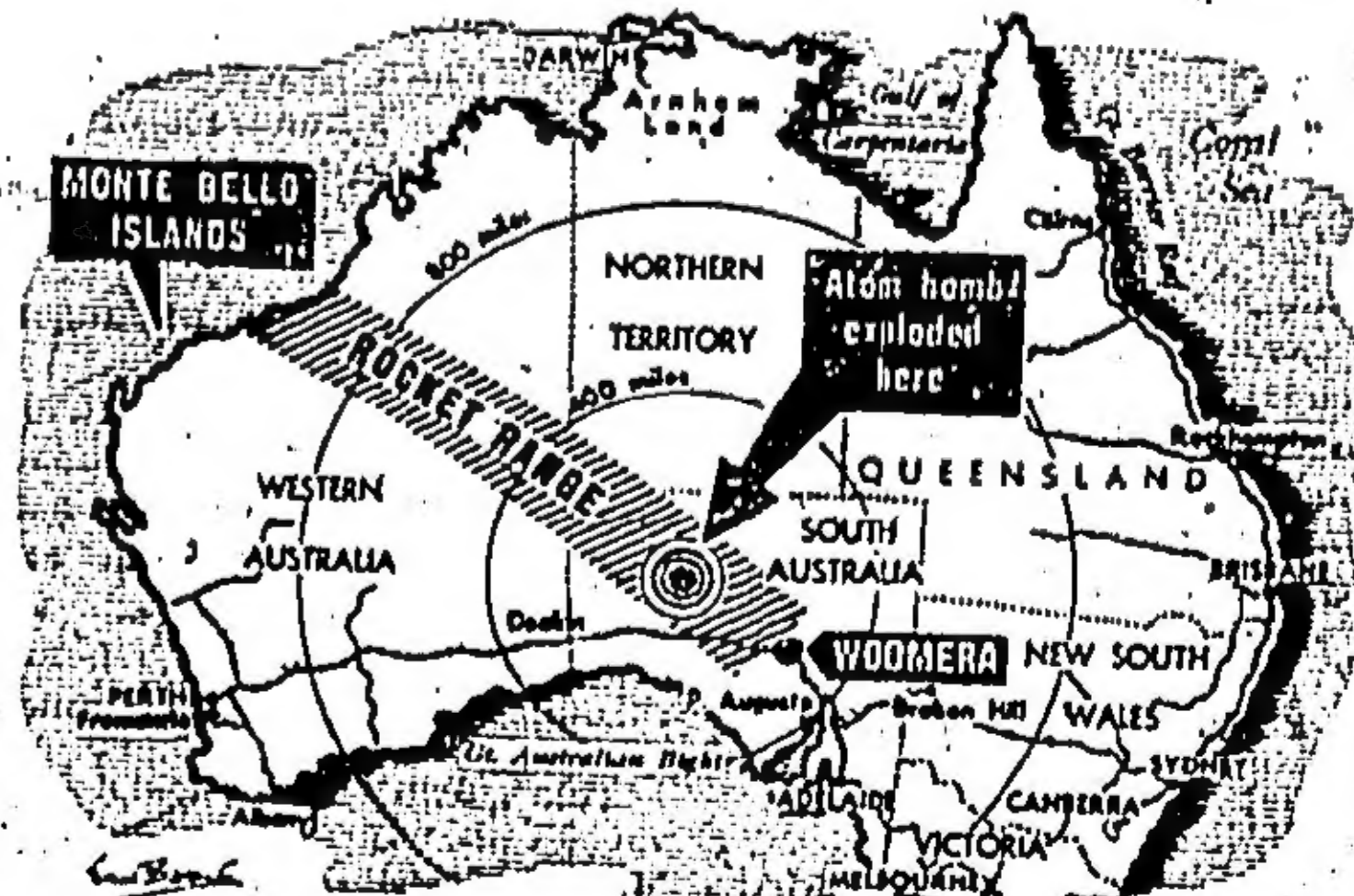
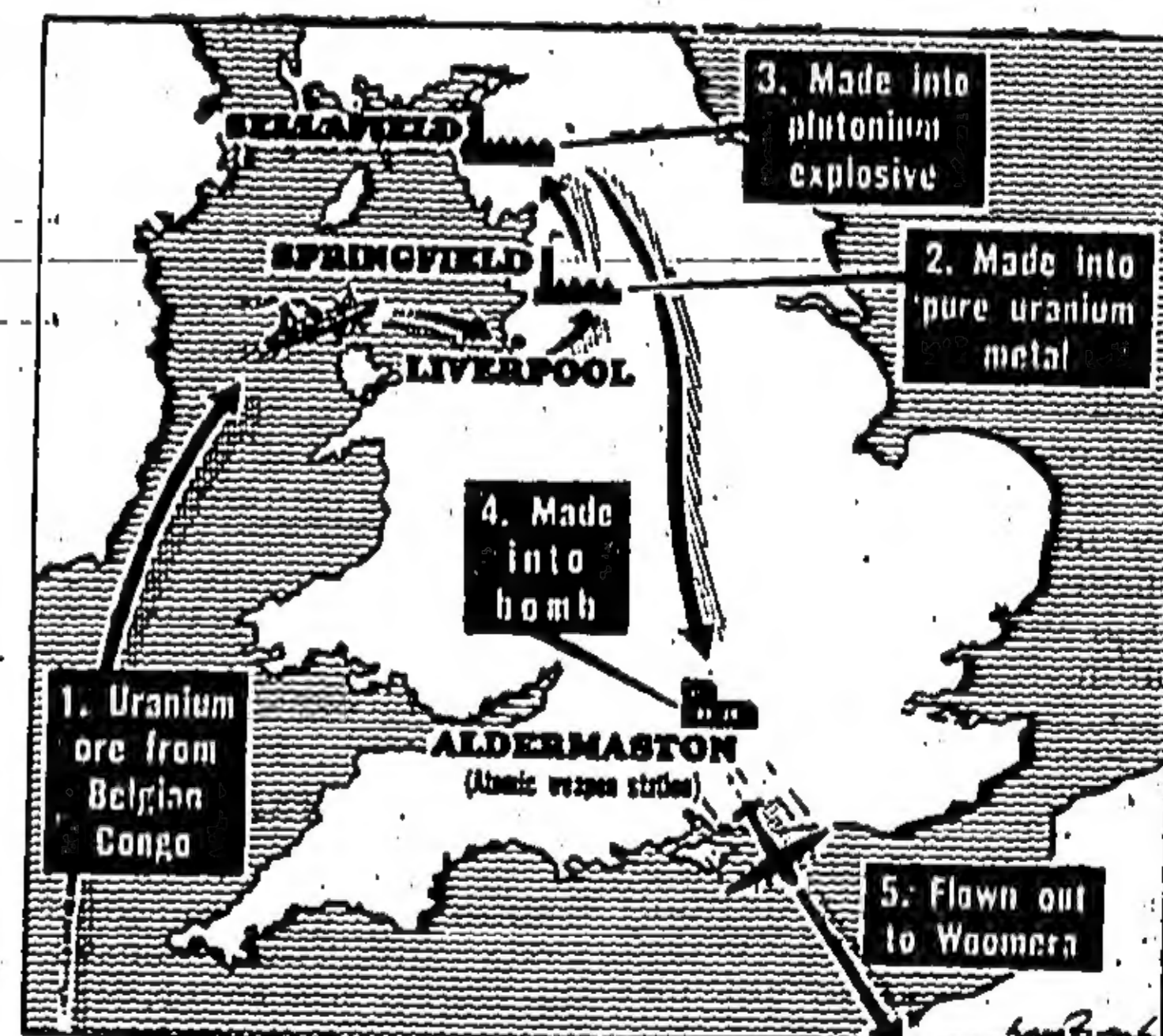
2 Windscale Works, Sellafield: Built on the site of a munitions factory at a cost of at least £10,000,000.

Its 400 feet chimneys—the highest in Britain—can be seen for miles in the Lake District.

3 The Atomic Weapons Research Establishment, Aldermaston, Berks. This is the most secret of the Government's atom stations. Sir William Penney and his staff are based there. The bomb exploded at Woomera was presumably built at Aldermaston.

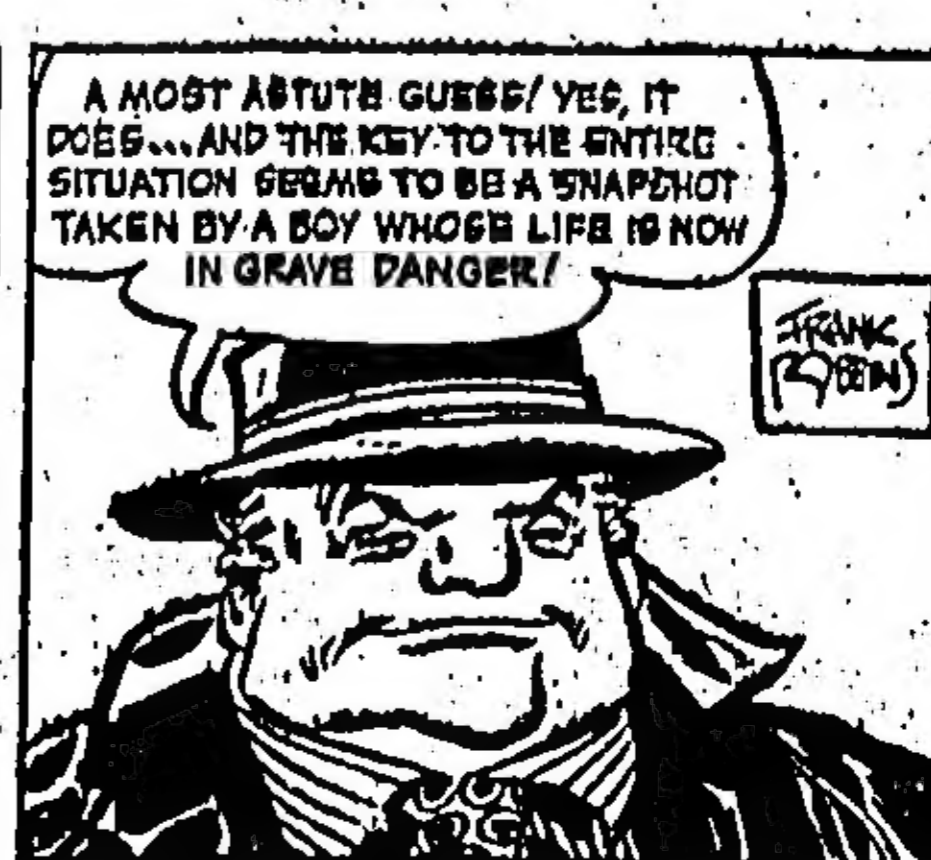
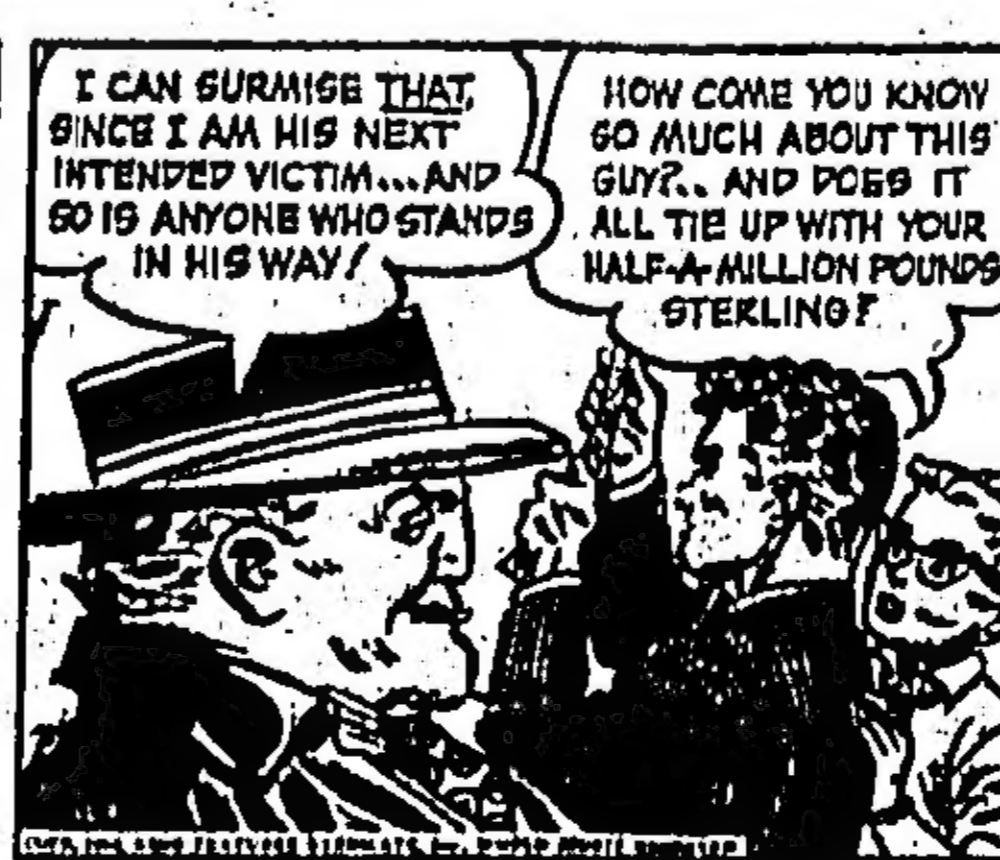
4 Atomic Energy Production Headquarters, Risley, Lancs. The main planning headquarters of the project is housed in part of the Royal Ordnance factory built at Risley during the war.

5 The Atomic Energy Research Establishment, Harwell, Berks. Converted from an airfield since 1946 this "atom city" set up for basic research includes two small uranium furnaces—code-named Gleep and Epsom—and a pilot plant for separating plutonium explosives. There is a "hot" laboratory for handling radioactive chemicals, atom-smashing machines,



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By **GAY PAULEY**

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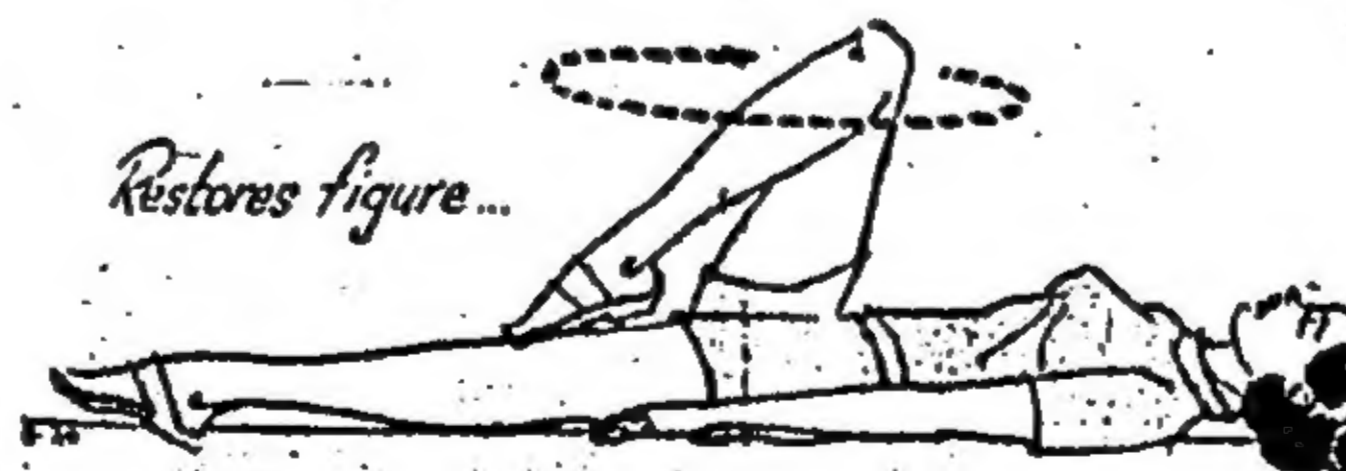
By DOROTHY BARKLEY

THE KIMONO COAT. In white, reversed with pink silk and worn over a matching silk dress. The dress has a conical picture frame neckline and soft inverted pleats back and front on the skirt. The silk is printed with black and white motifs based on trade marks used by silk merchants two hundred years ago.



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MRS R. B. Black, Director of the Hongkong Branch of the British Red Cross Society, was welcomed back to the Colony at a cocktail party given by Dr and Mrs Leo Hah-long at the Hongkong University Alumni Association last week. From left: Mrs Black, Mr J. T. Choy, Mr A. Reiss and Dr Leo. (Staff Photographer)

RIGHT: Kowloon Cricket Club tennis finalists. Alfred Augustad, on the right, defeated Kenneth Lo by straight sets in the singles championship last Sunday. (Staff Photographer)



MR Chan Pak-luk, President of the St Stephen's College Old Boys' Association, presenting Canon E. W. L. Martin with a farewell gift from the Association. Canon Martin is retiring after many years as Principal of the College. (Staff Photographer)



THE redoubtable Cheung Kin-man, coming ashore last Sunday after again winning the harbour race. Behind him is Wong Long-hoi, who was second. Below: Cynthia Eager, first of the mermmaids, receiving her prize from Mr A. de O. Sales. (Staff Photographer)



SOME of this year's Directors of the Tung Wah Hospital photographed at a dinner given at the Kin Kwok Restaurant. From left: Mr Seaward Woo, Mr Fung Hon-chu, Mr P. T. Loong, Mr Chan Chi-man and Mr Fung Kam-chung. (Staff Photographer)



AT a farewell dinner held at Christ Church last week, the departing Vicar, the Rev. C. P. Smith, was presented with gifts from the congregation by Mr F. C. Clemo, a member of the Church Council. (Staff Photographer)



RIGHT: Seated are Mr P. Y. Wong (left), President of the Kowloon Rotary Club, and Mr G. E. Marden, Administrative Adviser to all Rotary Clubs in this area. Behind is Mr F. C. Clemo. Picture was taken at the Kowloon Rotary Ball at the Peninsula Hotel last week. (Staff Photographer)



LEFT: Members of Christ Church, Kowloon Tong, who were confirmed last Sunday by the Bishop of Hongkong. (Staff Photographer)

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A traveller since the age of five, 40-year-old David Wynn brought another party of American tourists to Hongkong last week in the course of a round-world tour. Mr Wynn has written two travel books, and is writing a third. (Staff Photographer)



CAPTAIN Huntley Reynolds and his bride, formerly Miss Medha Cashmore, seen after their wedding last week at St Andrew's Church. (Staff Photographer)

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Mr C. F. Vas, who has retired from Cable and Wireless Ltd. after 41 years' service, being presented with a gift from his colleagues by Mrs H. C. Baker, wife of the Manager. (Staff Photographer)



PRIVATE Patrick Terence O'Brien, Hongkong boy who has enlisted in the 1st Battalion, Royal Ulster Rifles, photographed with his mother and his Commanding Officer, Lt-Col. John Drummond, before the troopship Empire Fowey sailed for the United Kingdom on Tuesday. (Staff Photographer)



MISS F. H. Gwilliam, Assistant Education Adviser to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, addressing members of the Council of Women at the YWCA on Monday. (Staff Photographer)



LEFT: Celebrating their silver wedding, Mr and Mrs L. C. Saville were hosts at a dinner party at the Royal Hongkong Golf Club, Deep Water Bay, on Tuesday. They are seated in the centre of the middle row. (Silver Star)



LEFT: Professor Gordon Brown, head of the Faculty of Architecture of the Hongkong University (extreme left), seen at a dinner party given in his honour by his students at the Miramar Hotel last Saturday. In centre is the Vice-Chancellor, Dr L. T. Ridd. (Staff Photographer)



HIS Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, the Hon. R. B. Black, inspecting the carpentry shop of the Aberdeen Trade School on Wednesday. (Staff Photographer)



DR Li Shu-fan invited many friends to a garden party at his residence, White Jade, in Stubbs Road, on Monday. Here he is seen with Mrs S. N. Chau and Mrs G. Morris. (Staff Photographer)



AT the opening last Saturday of the Butterfield and Swire Chinese Staff Association. From left: Mr Lee Ying-wai, Chairman, Mr J. A. Blackwood, Mr T. J. Lindsay and Mr David Au. (Staff Photographer)

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PROF. A. C. Hardy, Professor of Zoology and Comparative Biology at the University of Oxford, speaking at the British Council on Wednesday. He is here to give advice in connection with Hongkong's first fisheries research vessel. (Staff Photographer)



MR T. P. F. McNeice, President of the Singapore Family Planning Association, (left) chatting with Dr the Hon. J. M. Liston, Acting Director of Medical and Health Services, at a cocktail party held at the Malayan Association. (Staff Photographer)

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It takes planning to work out a successful vacation in the family car, especially if the youngsters are going along. One has to work out a sort of "home away from home" idea, with safety and comfort paramount.

Naturally, it's important to drive carefully, obeying even the seemingly most minor of traffic rules, every one of which has been formulated with an eye to your safety and driving pleasure.

Frequent Stops

With children in the party, plan for frequent stops so that no one becomes overtired or irritable. Until children are old enough to learn the rules of the back seat—such as not annoying the driver, not putting hands or arms out of the rear window—an adult should ride with them.

In addition, it's wise to include a few items in the travelling gear designed to give you peace of mind. One such is a pound box of baking soda in the glove compartment, a precaution that can add to the comfort and safety of car and occupants. Baking soda is an excellent fire extinguisher. Even with the miraculously engineered modern car, engine fires can start. With a box of soda at hand, a tragedy can often be averted. All that is needed is to sprinkle soda on the blaze.

When heated, baking soda generates carbon dioxide which cuts off the fire's oxygen supply and so snuffs it out. And it won't damage the engine—a rinse of plain water removes any residue.

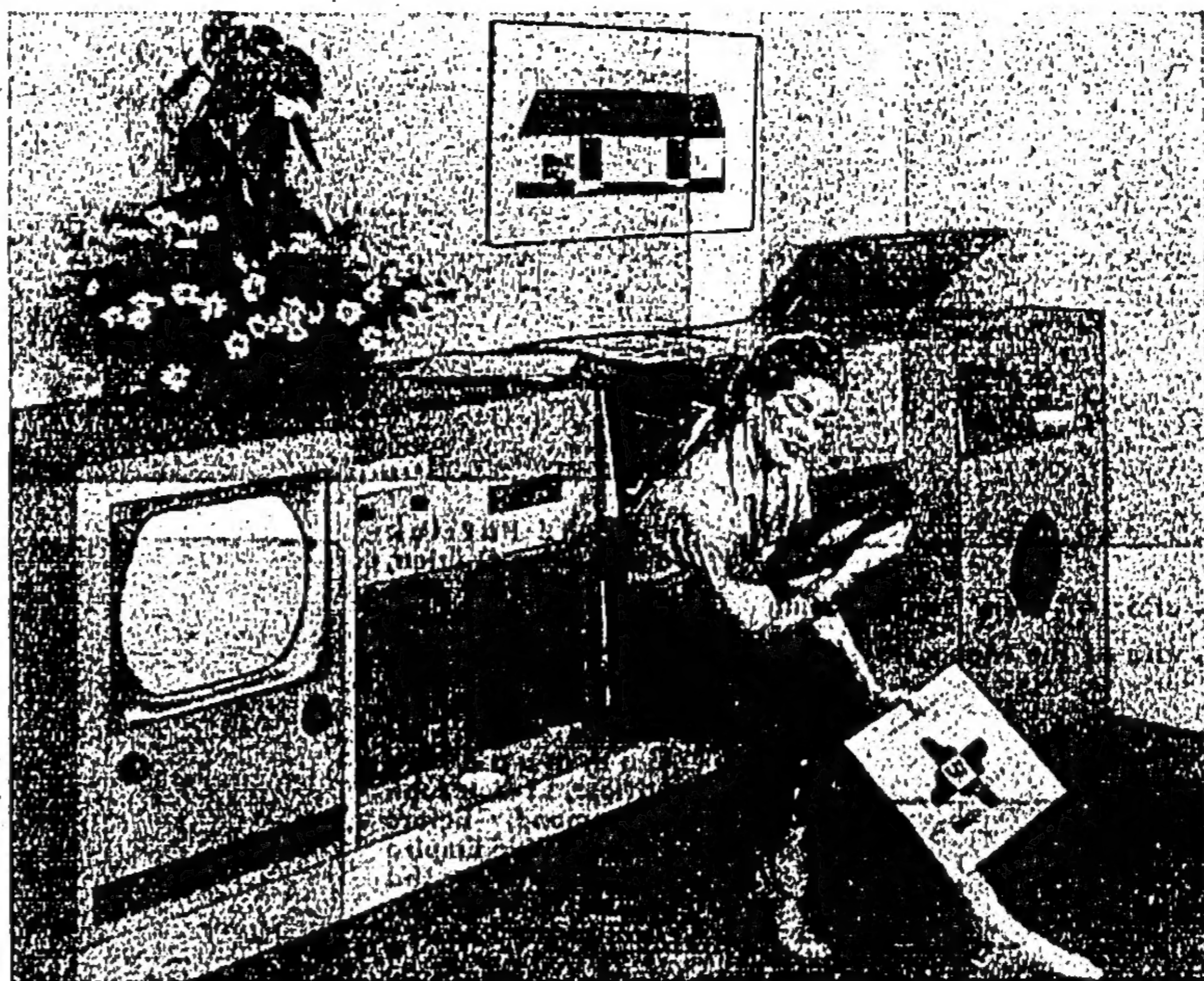
Sprinkle a little soda, too, in the bottom of the ashtray, to prevent a possible blaze and to keep stale odours at a minimum. It's also handy for soothing insect bites all the way from gnats to bee stings, as well as for sunburn, and, of course it offers quick relief to anyone who is suffering from indigestion.

For Thirsty Children

Also have at hand a box of cleansing tissues, not only for wiping muddy noses, but also for mopping up spills and emergency clean-ups of the windshield.

A vacuum bottle of cold water is essential. Children, especially, seem to have an incessant thirst when travelling. Having cold water handy can often prevent a delaying stop. For a like reason, keep some food on hand: simple cookies for the children, some grapes, plums and similar fruit to quench thirst as well as provide a little energy.

Ingenious Ideas For Furniture Making



SHE SHALL HAVE MUSIC—at least in her living room. This attractive and easy-to-make storage wall holds a record player, radio, shelves designed for three sizes of record albums and a TV set which can be converted into a cabinet for storing magazines.

By **JOAN O'SULLIVAN**

THE do-it-yourself fad is becoming popular, and people who heretofore didn't know which end of a nail to hit are busily making things. They're constructing everything from dog houses to homes.

A number of easy-to-build furniture pieces for which building plans are available for a few cents were displayed recently in New York. They were certainly handsome, had no homemade look, and, according to the

experts, were so simply designed that an amateur with a hammer and saw would have a hard time not doing a professional job on them.

Many of the pieces in the showing were designed for storage. These, for example, an odds and ends cabinet to provide extra space for bathroom toiletries. The cost of materials in this case would run about US\$10. As for working time, a man handy with tools could finish the job in three or four hours.

There were far more spectacular units, however, to tempt the

ambitious novice. Among these was a storage wall with space for record player, magazines, books, a desk and other things.

One design that fills a big need was a giant wardrobe with drawers and shelves for storage in addition to the space for clothes. Drawers are provided beneath and cabinets above the main closet section. Accessory drawers are installed on the inside of the doors.

Inexpensive Coffee Table

Power tools or pre-cut parts from a lumber dealer or cabinet maker are essential to a good job, here. Working time for a really handy man will be about 10 hours.

A coffee table with wells for house plants was one of the most attractive and inexpensive pieces in the show. Clean-cut and modern in line, its big appeal was the price—about US\$10.50, excluding finish. Another handsome piece was a buffet with bare and wall cabinets.

All the plans are designed for construction with fir plywood, a versatile and low-cost panel material.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Vacuum bottles should be kept absolutely clean and aired to prevent off-flavours in foods they hold. Clean thoroughly after each use with warm water and a little baking soda. If an odour is present, add a few drops of ammonia to the water.

If you have an automatic washer, be sure that water pressure in your house is 15 pounds at the tap. This can be checked by your local water department. If the pressure is lower, allow time for a longer washing cycle.

To remove a decal, place a wet towel over it for about 30 minutes. You should then be able to peel it off. Sometimes decals can be removed by sticking transparent tape over the design then pulling both off.

To remove mildew from white cotton and linens, wash in hot suds, rinse, moisten with lemon juice and salt, and dry in the sun. If it is an old stain, bleach with one part three percent hydrogen peroxide to 20 parts of water. Rinse well.



INEXPENSIVE FIR PLYWOOD was used to construct this buffet. The wall cabinet above it holds china; cabinets store linens and silver.



PLANS TELL HOW to make a modern coffee table. It has wells, which hold house plants. The one shown here is finished in driftwood grey.



A **SHOULDER-HIGH STORAGE WALL** features an open case for books; a desk, fitted with pigeonholes and drawers for supplies.

Pots & Pans Play A Role In International Relations

NOW pots and pans, sweepers and washing machines are playing a role in improvement of international relations.

European women—except those behind the Iron Curtain—will very soon be looking over more than 300 items available to the average American homemaker. The collection ranges from

baby high chairs to earings. It includes furniture, pottery, jewellery, rugs, lamps, pots, pans, sweepers, washers, fabrics and rugs.

The collection is being shipped abroad for a one-year (or possibly more if the United States wishes) tour, starting with Helsinki, Finland, in late October under auspices of the Finnish-American Society. It then will be shown in other Scandinavian cities, and probably in London, Paris and Milan.

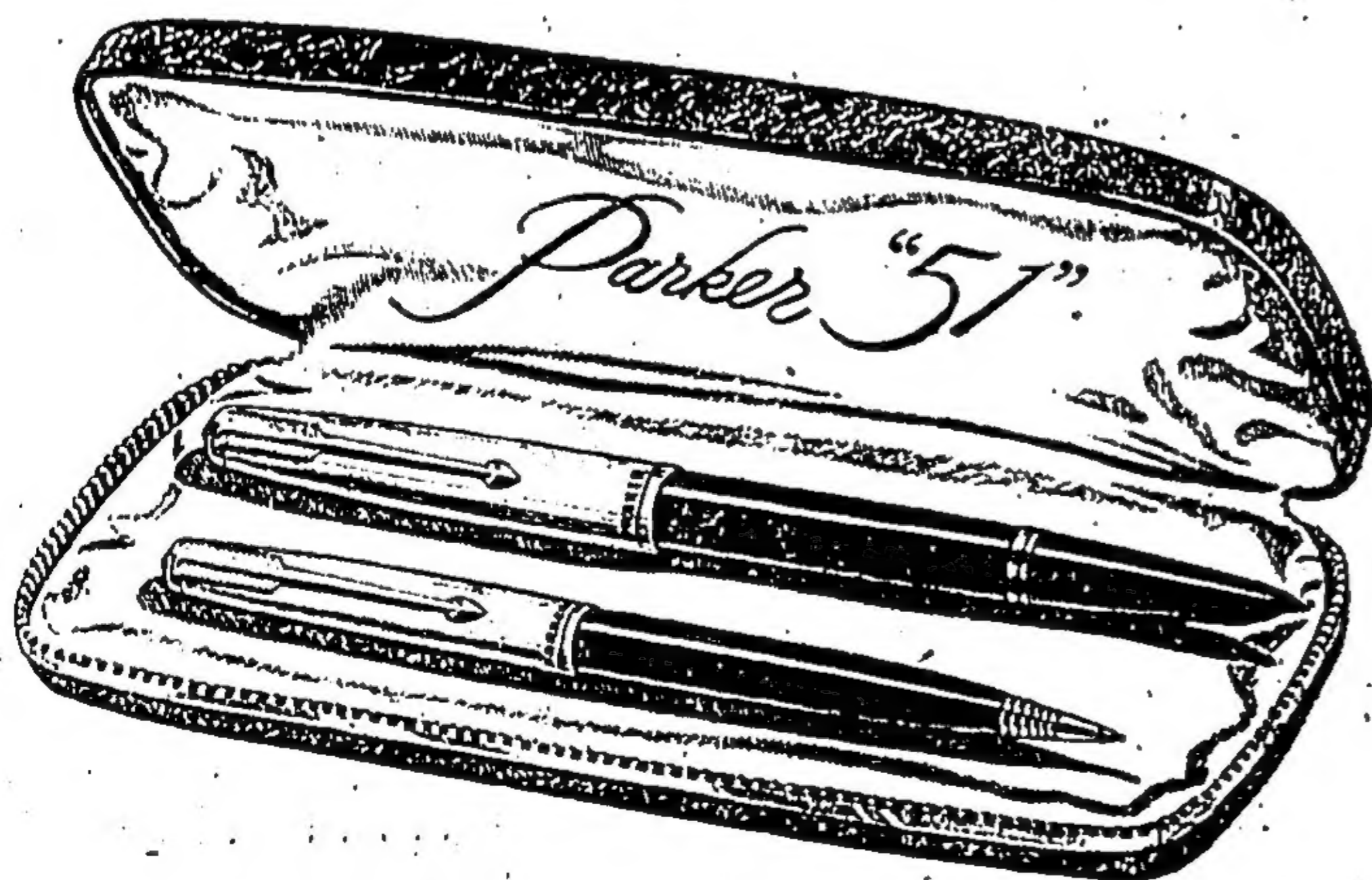
The Museum of Modern Art put together the collection which is sent abroad by the United States Information Agency.

Envy or Goodwill?

"Our purpose is to show our European neighbours the best work of present day designers and producers in America," said Edgar Kaufmann, Jr. of the museum.

Kaufmann was asked whether the display might create more envy than goodwill in the European woman who can't afford all the modern conveniences.

"Well, the exhibit isn't loaded with freezers or dish washers," he said. "We're stressing good design, not labour-saving. Besides, I don't think the gap between America and Europe is so great. Scandinavian women have kitchen gadgets as fancy as any we produce here."—United Press.



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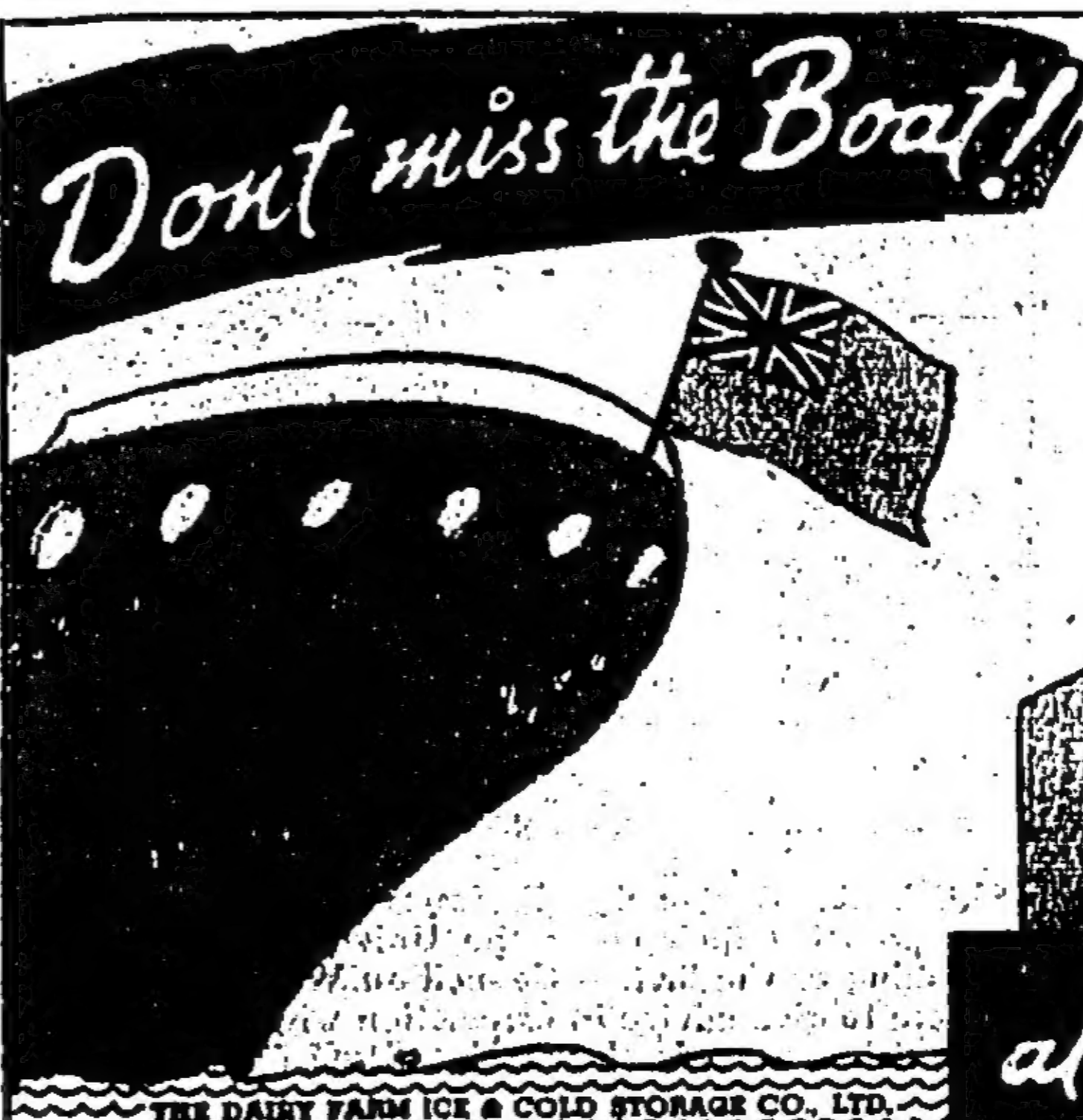
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Tropic Isles Await Her Majesty

By JOHN LATHAM

PAGEANTRY blends with the picturesque and the simple in the entertainments planned for the visits of the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh to island colonies during the Royal Tour.

From Bermuda, the Queen's plane touches down at Montego Bay, Jamaica, on November 25. It was to this semi-tropic seaside resort that Sir Winston Churchill earlier this year retreated for rest and relaxation.

A motor drive takes the Royal party from Montego Bay's waving palm trees through the lush Jamaica countryside. There, they make their first stop for a picnic luncheon; then on to Spanish Town, hideout of buccanniers and pirates in the island's swashbuckling past.

But the Royal couple will find the romance of Jamaica not entirely dead. From the fastnesses of the Blue Mountains, from unmappped inaccessible villages, will come representatives of the Maroons.

These people, originally runaway slaves, are the only autonomous society in the British West Indies. In the old days, several attempts by the British to subjugate them failed. And finally, the government signed a treaty confining their freedom not only from slavery, but from any form of alien jurisdiction.

Self-governing

The Maroons have remained for over a century an independent self-governing body within the colony. They have held aloof from affairs outside their mountains. But they will come to Kingston, Jamaica's capital, to see the Queen and her husband.

During her three-day stay on the island, the Queen will open the new Senate building of the University College of the West Indies. Military parades and a rally of school children, a mayoral welcome and presentations, a Government House dinner and reception appear on the official programme.

The Duke of Edinburgh's interest in science and education will not be overlooked. He will meet, informally, members of the University staff and others interested in these subjects.

Then on, across the wide Pacific to Fiji. Fiji is a

sightseers' paradise. Palm trees, fringing the shore, mirror themselves in the calm bays within the protecting coral reefs. Beyond, the roaring Pacific crashes ceaselessly against these natural ramparts.

Through a gap, a pilot will proudly guide the Queen's ship into Suva harbour. A fleet of the swift "flying" Fijian canoes and yachts from the Royal Suva Yacht Club will escort the Gothic to her berth.

Matanivauna, Fijian master of ceremonies, will board the vessel with the Governor, Sir Ronald Gurney, and Lady Gurney. With him will be the chief chosen to perform the traditional ceremony of inviting an honoured traveller to land.

Fiji tradition

Matanivauna represents Fiji's tradition. He will superintend her day welcome. At the dances at Albert Park at night, he will direct the torchbearers for the evening drive, the massed choirs and the fireworks display.

An outdoor tea-party and a luncheon in a little thatched cottage in the country will sustain the al fresco spirit of the arrangements.

Tonga is the next stopping place—for four days. And for the first time in its history, the island will contain two queens. The second queen is Salote, friendly ruler of the Friendly Isles.

The highlight of the island's welcome is an open air feast at Maiva Park, lasting one and a half hours.

Beforehand, the Royal couple will be presented with gifts. During the feast they will be entertained by Tongan dancers. The day will be Sunday and Queen Salote, like her subjects, is a staunch Methodist. So she has ruled that the Sabbath be observed on the following day, and all are satisfied.

Her Majesty and Prince Philip bring their return journey to pay their first visit to the East African protectorate of Uganda. There another full programme awaits the Royal couple in Entebbe. A garden party with about 4,000 guests from all parts of Uganda, dinner parties, receptions, investitures, leave little time for other functions. But there is one informal luncheon on the Government House terrace.

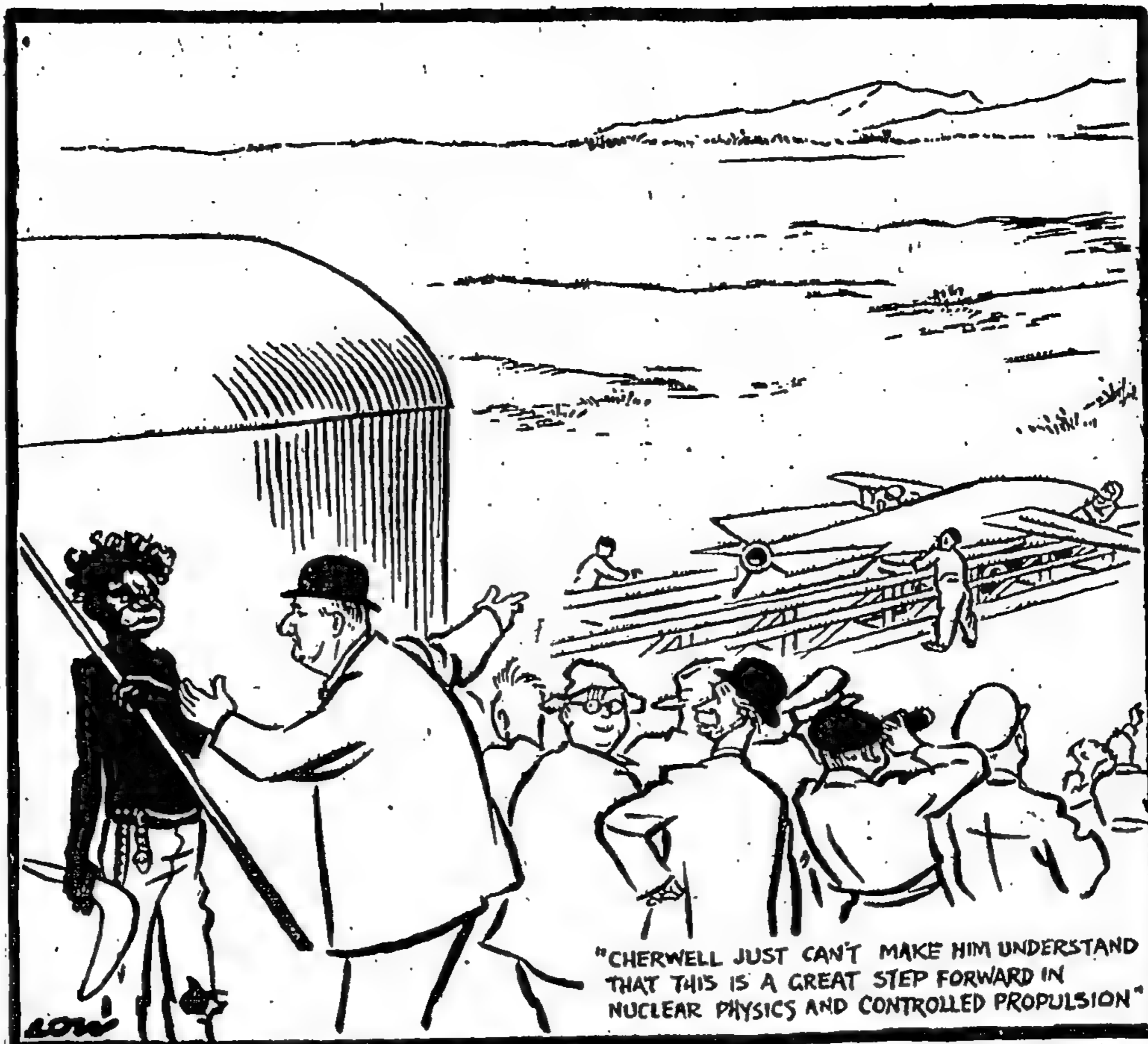
Nile dam

The outstanding occasion, of course, will be when the Queen sets in operation the great Owen dam, harnessing the Nile near Victoria Lake. The dam is part of a £22-million hydro-electric scheme fulfilling an old dream of Sir Winston Churchill for using the Nile to bring increased light and power to East Africa.

The Royal couple will also view native dances by the Acholi tribe, performed by men and women who are themselves of princely blood. The dances are traditionally only staged before royalty.

Next comes a trip to Makerere, the only University college in East Africa, and colourful welcomes by His Highness the Kabaka and a number of leading Baganda and other native chiefs.

One day has been set aside for a private visit to the national park, named after the Queen. It includes the foothills of the Mountains of the Moon, a "labyrinth" of extinct craters containing dark green lakes of salt water.



"CHERWELL JUST CAN'T MAKE HIM UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS A GREAT STEP FORWARD IN NUCLEAR PHYSICS AND CONTROLLED PROPULSION"

POINTS OF VIEW AT WOOMERA

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Spotlighting the Speed Race in the Air:

BEYOND THE SOUND BARRIER LIES THE HEAT BARRIER

By Eric Gillibrand

AT the moment the air speed record rests with an American plane, the F-4D Douglas Skyraider, at 753 mph, and everyone wants to know where we go from there. Not very far probably, for the present.

It is doubtful if the fine British fighters, the Hunter and the Swift, have a sufficiently high Mach number to beat the record. The Mach number is the real guide, because it takes difference of climate into account—it is the relation of the speed of the plane to the speed of sound, which varies (764 at 60 degrees, 797 at 104 degrees).

What Britain and America may have "in the bag" in the way of faster machines which they do not care to pull out at present for the world to see is another matter. The Skyraider, for one thing, is a delta, and Britain has been working on deltas for a long time.

Getting Hot

But thinking for the moment just in terms of production-line fighters like the Skyraider and the Hunter, the pace is getting hot for designers.

Next one to come along is the American Sabre F100, claimed as the first jet fighter able to break the sound barrier in level flight. It is under test at present, and promises to be interesting.

Do not underestimate the Sabre, as many people do, having read hard things said about its performance in Korea. True, the MIG can climb faster, has a

higher operation "ceiling" and is generally a nippier, lighter plane than the Sabre F80 used in Korea. It weighs about 12,000 lb. compared with the 16,500 lb. of the Sabre.

But the MIG was designed for short-range work on Russia's borders, and pays for its lightness by having queer idiosyncrasies of flight and a tendency to fall to pieces under the stress of an aerial dogfight. A Sabre is dependable, strong on British lines.

And if the Sabre is heavier, the pilot gets the benefit in better armour, heating, and cooling systems, sufficient to warm or refrigerate a street of houses, to keep him comfortable, plus a general feeling of confidence in emergency, worth a good deal.

For sheer speed, though, fantastic new planes are coming along. Already there are rocket planes, such as the Douglas Skyrocket, which at 1,238 mph is one of the fastest piloted aircraft, but they are out of the record category because they have to fly at high altitudes, and records must be made close to the ground. And, of course, they are very short-range.

Like a Shark

It is when you see a plane like the Douglas X-3—that the hair on the back of your neck feels queer.

The Douglas X-3 has a fleet-foot resemblance to a shark but a hint of terrifying wickedness about it that makes a shark look amiable. The nose is sharp, the big tail high and upswep, the wings small and knife-like in their thinness. In the spirit of current American design.

Power comes from two enormous jet engines. Perhaps the most surprising thing is the size of the X-3—much bigger than that of the average fighter, and it is heavy, too. It has to be strong for what it aims to do—maintain flight beyond the speed of sound.

On its maiden flight it was piloted by Bill Bridgeman, who put up that 1,238 mph figure mentioned earlier in a rocket plane, and has also been up to 79,484 feet.

Happily, science has moved up with research methods as well as design. Did you see the film "Sound Barrier" with the pilot struggling with his bucketing machine at over 100 mph and at the same time trying to scream into a microphone his findings on her behaviour? Did you ever wonder how a pilot ever managed to keep watch on all those instruments when the average motorist finds two or three more than enough?

Now it's all done from the ground.

There are 186 instruments on the X-3, and each one automatically records by radio its findings on an oscilloscope in a test room far below the flashing plane.

New Confidence

All the pilot has to do is to fly the plane. The rest of his "crew", in the test room, take care of the rest.

They know at any moment the temperature of points all over the plane, the air speed, the pressure on this part and that, whether the wheels and flaps are up or down, the position of the controls.

At the first sign of wing flutter or excessive vibration, perhaps undesirable to the pilot, the voice of the watcher speaks in his ear, calling him in or telling him how to meet the trouble.

Here is something that gives a pilot new confidence and, to ground research teams, a fresh sense of responsibility. He trusts them and they know it; watching the green lines of light constantly moving on the screens of the oscilloscopes, they share his excitement, his hopes and fears.

All the time the X-3 is in the air, too, a skilled test pilot is on watch in a Sabre, talking to the man in the X-3, giving him advice, commenting on the plane's behaviour.

The Obstacle

That is most of all necessary when the X-3 lands, for the design gives the pilot very little view of the ground, and the plane lands at over 200 mph—even in a first-class racing car, with sturdy wheels, that is a cracking pace, and in a plane on its small-size landing wheels, more than tricky.

So the Sabre pilot "talks down" the X-3, flying alongside, guiding him lower foot by foot until the wheels touch, and the weird looking plane goes tearing along the eight-mile runway.

Eight miles! America certainly has the natural assets for this kind of thing. Smaller, more crowded countries are at a complete disadvantage. And yet, it is none too long for the purpose; it gives the X-3 pilot only a couple of minutes at such a speed.

With planes like this, the experts hope to find out how to get useful, practical supersonic speed—not the rocket type, short-lived and extravagant of fuel. For that they need to know much more about the mysteries that lie round the sound barrier, and what they mean in terms of plane design.

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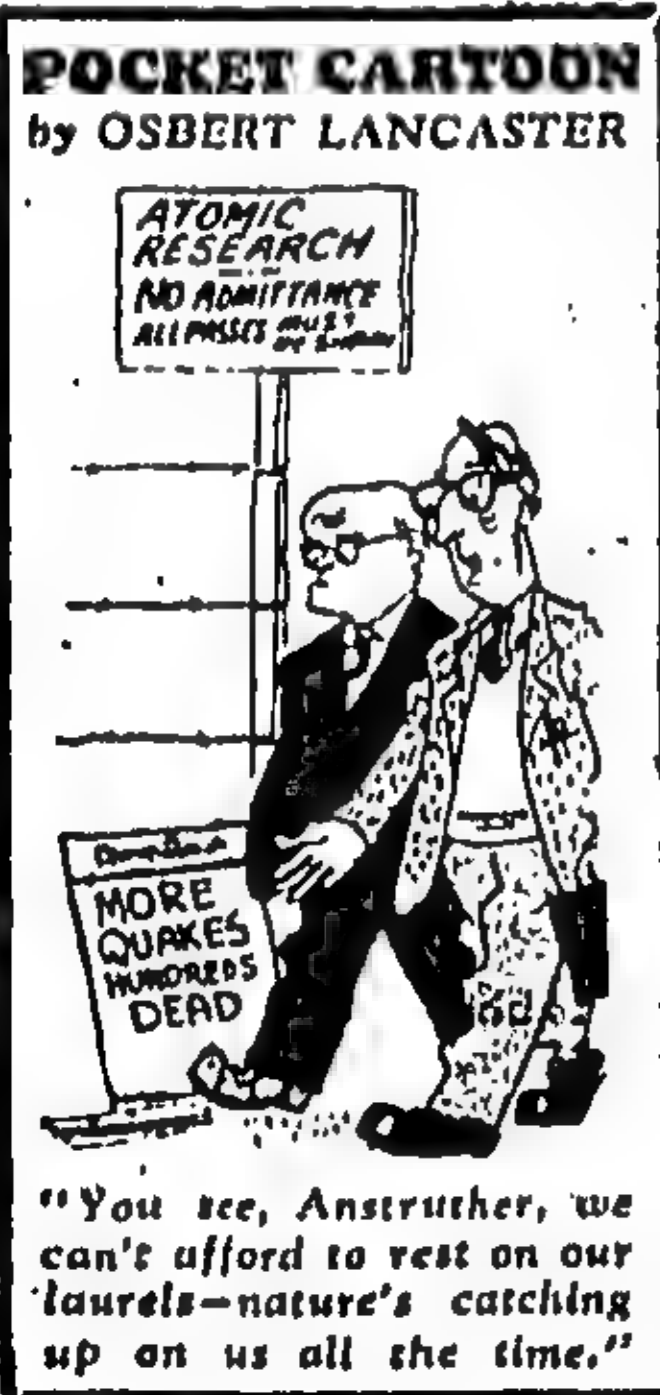


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Army Revives Buying-out

By LES ARMOUR

"DEAR Ma.—Sell the pig and buy me out.....

It's three years since the mothers of Britain have found letters like that in the morning mail. But next month the flood will start again.

The War Office has decided to re-establish the ancient rule under which a man can "buy out" of the Army.

The Korean war forced their suspension, and the touchy world situation delayed their re-establishment.

New recruits—National Servicemen barred—will get out at a bargain price of £20, if they

apply within three months of joining—and, within that period, discharge will be an unalienable right.

After that the process may still be difficult. The Army reasons that it takes a heap of money to train a modern fighting man and that, if a man ducks out before he has proved himself a paying investment, he should make some sort of reimbursement.

But an Army-trained apprentice (who has usually acquired a trade useful in civilian life) will have to cough up £120 to get out. A skilled tradesman must pay £20, and a soldier with four years behind him will be charged £80.

After 10 years, however, he can apply for a "purchase" discharge, but it won't cost him a cent.

Down in the fine print, though, the Army has left itself some convenient loopholes.

Between the end of the first three months of service and the end of the third year, there will be no discharge by purchase.

And, even if the man is technically eligible, there may be more to it than selling the pig and mortgaging the horse. The Army can declare him "retentive" and stop the process right there.

When the purchase regulations are suspended as soon as a man has been notified of an overseas posting. Once abroad, he must stay put a year before he can apply.

Once out, he is denied the usual forces transportation home for himself and his family. Maybe you better just keep the pig, Ma.....

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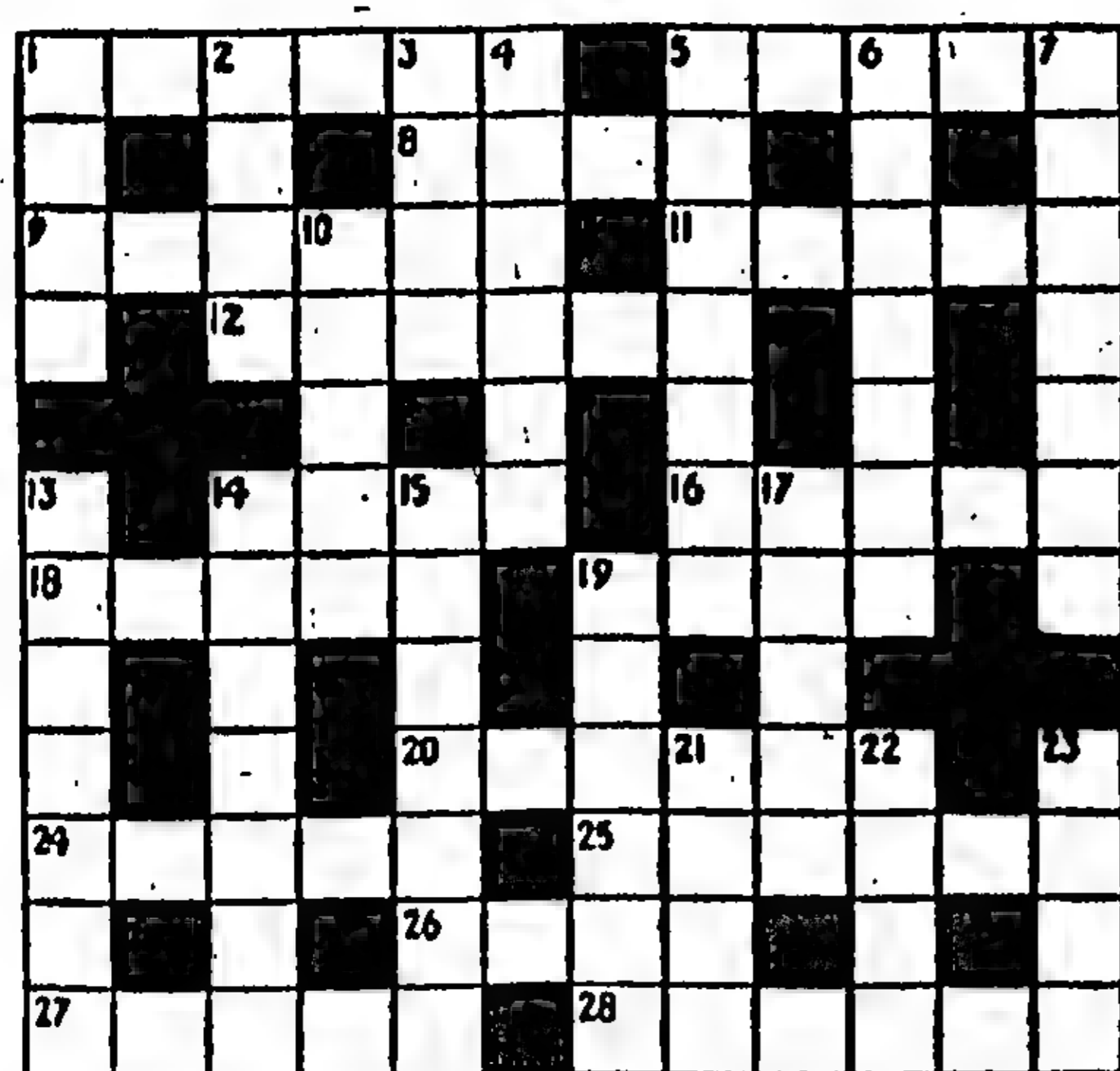


The Tudor Oyster Prince, sponsored by Rolex of Geneva. Waterproofed by the famous Oyster case, self-wound by the unique "rotor" mechanism, the Tudor Oyster Prince is the most outstanding wrist-watch for its price ever offered to the public.

This advertisement, the first of the new series, features the "Trial of Destruction." Six Tudor Oyster Princes were worn, one after the other, by a workman who spent a total of 30 hours operating a pneumatic drill. At the chisel of the drill bit into granite, each watch suffered over 1,000,000 tremendous shocks. Yet the Tudor watches emerged unharmed and functioning perfectly.



A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS:**
 1 Narrative poem (10).
 5 Flight (5).
 8 Skin (4).
 9 Supposed (6).
 11 Striking-block (5).
 12 Outcome (6).
 14 Certain (4).
 16 Something special (5).
 18 Divert (5).
 19 Fortune (4).
 20 Mess (6).
 24 Artless (5).
 25 Pick-me-up (5).
 26 Rank (4).
 27 Fashion (5).
 28 Cure (6).
- DOWN:**
 1 Blessing (4).
 2 Den (4).
 3 Imitates (4).
 4 Infer (6).
 5 Law (7).
 6 Brought back to consciousness (7).
 7 Artist's board for mixing colours (7).
 10 Ruler of Abyssinia (5).
 13 Sea-soldiers (7).
 14 State grant (7).
 15 Full (7).
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potent powerlessness to cope with a danger you cannot see. Evidently you have a presentiment that your present state of comparative peace is threatened by this danger which, for the moment, you cannot—or will not—see.

To continue the symbolism of the dream, why not stand up, turn round, face your life squarely, survey every possible source of worry forgetting none. Face the anxiety squarely instead of pretending it isn't there.

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KISS ME DEADLY. By Mickey Spillane. Arthur Barker. 9s. 6d. 192 pages.

by **GEORGE MALCOLM THOMSON**

WHAT would the late Peter Cheyney say, if he could hear that a struggle for his vacant throne in the realm of quick-shooting, tough-talking, no-thinking thrillers had broken out? And that his own publisher, Mr Collins, was directing those who seek a "new Cheyney" to an Australian writer, Bunt Singer, while a second publisher, Mr Barker, pressed Mickey Spillane's claim to "the mantle of Cheyney."

Mr Cheyney, it is certain, would not be amused. "Cheyney's place in literature," he would probably say (for he invariably spoke of himself in the third person), "cannot be filled."

Killing is best

Cheyney was a jealous man. Nor would he have been impressed by the fact that Spillane hammered out his variations on the sex-and-murder theme

with two bare fists on a typewriter. Cheyney himself used to dictate. In matches 5,000 words long. If his secretary was not a hand he would compose to her over a telephone. And so deeply was he embedded in his current story that he would repeat the 5,000 words instinctively to the friend with whom he was lunching.

Spillane's methods are crude; he is content to indicate the physical appeal of a female character by a phrase like "You have to look at the covers of books and pick out the parts here and there that you like best."

In contrast, Cheyney's English detective, Mr Callaghan, retained a faint air of gentility even after his fourth two-finger-of-rye. And compared with the proceedings in a Spillane epic, Cheyney's work has the decorum of an amateur draughts championship.

Yet, basically, Mr Callaghan's guiding philosophy is the same as that of Mike Hammer, the so-called detective who officiates in most of Spillane's published works: Enter the enemy's citadel, ask for trouble and trust to luck. Killing is better than clues—and more fun for the reader.

A spot of torture

Hammer is definitely the coarser operator of the two. He hates crime, the police, politicians, Communists; and he likes shooting people. He cannot resist describing exactly how they look after they are shot and, if he has a fob, it is for shooting men in the eye.

The other eye that was still the glinted at me balefully. He also likes killing women (naked for preference). This proclivity has led some of his severer critics to charge him with sadism.

In his latest saga, Kiss Me Deadly, Hammer fails to shoot a woman. As Spillane has lately become a Jehovah's Witness, this might have argued for the softening influence of the new creed.

However, on the last page, Hammer sets a woman (naked, of course) right. He had put a vocation. Sticking a pistol into

his stomach, she had said, menacingly "Kiss me, deadly." And Hammer's heart belongs to Velda, his secretary, "a beautiful jungle animal sizing up her mate."

In helping her mate, the beautiful jungle animal gets caught and tortured by the Mafia, a New York criminal organisation. Readers will find it hard to decide whether Hammer or Velda is the more fool-hardy—or the more lucky. A dozen times a question like—why does nobody shoot Hammer?—leap to the mind.

Only to be swept away by the rapid flow of incidents. Spillane obeys his own advice to storytellers, "Keep it mysterious."

It has paid more dividends than Mike Hammer's detective agency is ever likely to do.

Spillane (born Brooklyn, 35 years ago) sold 17,000 copies of his stories. Here at least is something Cheyney would have respected.

Spillane makes £20,000 a book. Built on the tried principle of a single-handed, homicidal and sex-studied crusade against criminals, Kiss Me Deadly should not fall below this average.

★ YOU'RE WRONG, DELANEY. By Bunt Singer. Collins, 9s. 6d.

BUNT SINGER, Mr Collins's contender for the title of Cheyney's successor, is an Australian newspaper combining quickness, tension, toughness and sex with rather more intelligence than Spillane allows his readers, and with rather less slickness than Cheyney allowed himself.

You're wrong, Delaney has the disadvantage of an unfashionable setting (Australian small town); Singer overcomes it by recording a man-hunt in an effective variation of hard-boiled, half-broken English.

He regards the word "if" as superfluous; the reader wants to use the word, let him lit it in for himself. With a couple of neat twists at the finish Singer rounds off a terse job in a well-defined pattern.

Without the polish of Cheyney, he gets along with less butchery than Spillane. Maybe Singer has a niche of his own waiting.

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ON THE TILES Kenya's capital, 120 feet up on the flagpole atop the Colony's new Legislative Council building, hung a green, leafy branch—surrender symbol laid down for Mau Mau terrorists.

Was it the last, despairing effort of Dedan Kimathi, warring terrorist leader? Could the guns be put away? Was it all over?

Squad cars shrieked their way through the crowds around the building. Their guns, at the ready, clambered up the scaffolding to the tower roof.

All they found was a little Greek having a drink. From the wrong end of a police 38 he explained that it's an old Continental custom to fly a branch when the last tile of a roof has been nailed in place.

Nairobi set its jaw, blithely its gun back to the quick-draw position and went—a little red-faced—back to the job of battling terrorism.

OUT OF BOUNDS Wedding bells rang over the bomb-scarred island of Heligoland last week for the first time in a decade when two young Germans married.

Silly part is that the bride came over from the mainland with a priest half an hour before the ceremony, spent her wedding night in a hastily-rigged up tent and beat it back to the mainland next morning.

Explanation is that Heligoland, by law, is still barred to women.

DEAD VALUE The power of money, and the grip of Africa's ritual customs are a deadly combination. Far too deadly for unsuspecting Isaac Rumlafane, whom Chief Mopeli Mohale had evidently selected for a ritual killing.

Isaac's brother Melotai has told a court how he accepted the chief's alleged offer of £80, payable in two instalments, to hand over Isaac so the chief could kill him.

Melotai testified that Chief Mohale first gave him white powder as "medicine" for his brother Isaac, who, the chief said, would behave in an unusual manner after taking it.

Isaac did. He took blankets from the family kral and tossed them into a stream. Isaac disappeared after being sent for by the chief, returned later dazed mentally.

Then, a month later, the chief again sent for Isaac who was found dead afterwards with his face mutilated.

BACK TO MOTHBALLS Diehard Australian soldiers have been trapped over the knuckles by

Oscar Helmer, Austrian Minister of the Interior. He has reminded them in forceful terms that the wearing of gold uniforms and decorations is still forbidden by law.

Cue for the blast came at a Salzburg reunion when a gang of old boys turned up in full warpaint.

HANNIS' SONG Hannis Eisler, 55-year-old composer of Red Germany's national anthem which beats out daily over the East radio, was arrested in Berlin's West sector the other day. He was picked up off a pavement—well and truly drunk, according to police.

A taxi driver tipped off the cops after Eisler failed to find the fare. He explained later he had been out with some of his West Berlin composer friends, had gone on a drinking spree and run out of West marks.

OUT FOR THE COUNT "The Count of the Skeleton Keys" is out of circulation again. The Count is a burglar famous in the underworld for his bearing, impeccable manners and stylish clothes. He had the check to use notepaper with an embossed coat-of-arms showing in the centre two crossed skeleton keys.

Police caught him as he was having lunch with a smartly-dressed woman in a fashionable restaurant in Rome.

The Count settled the bill, put on his monocle, bowed deeply to kiss the hand of the lady and went off to gasl.

BATTLE OF THE WALLS GOES ON Cuttleslowe Walls' goes on like some raucous parody on Tennyson's brook.

It all started back in 1934 when the council slapped a workers' housing estate on the fringes of the upper-crust residential area.

Promptly, the upper-crust built a thick brick wall along the "border", forcing the council tenants to make a long detour out to the main road.

Four years later, the council sent out a steam-roller to knock it down. The upper-crust took them to court—and won. The council built the wall again.

Then came the war, and army tanks on manoeuvre were trapped by the wall. Down it it crashed. A few months later, it was up once more—at the expense of the War Office.

This week the council pulled its trump card; it will use its legal powers to force compul-

sory sale of the land adjoining the wall. Then all of it will come down for good. That is if the courts don't intervene.

SQUEEZED QUEEN Financial screws are tightening on Egypt's ex-Queen Nariiman.

Last week they squeezed off Farouk's wedding ring. "Which means money-short Nariiman has decided on a divorce, wants to hasten the alimony which the divorce court will assuredly grant her."

The wedding ring came off at a family meeting in the Nariiman flat. She put it in a box, signifying, as far as she concerned, the end of the affair.

HOME IS THE MAGNATE When Willi went marching off to war he was just an ordinary sort of bloke, one of the thousands of little men Hitler threw into the maelstrom of the Eastern Front.

Last week, belatedly released by the Russians, Willi came marching home again. To a large-size surprise. During his protracted absence the Welshuh family heads had gone up in the world.

When Willi stepped over the German East Zone border he was wearing everything he owned—an ill-fitting suit, provided by his captors. That's what he thought.

But who was this being helped out of a shiny new Mercedes limousine by a deferential chauffeur? It couldn't be. Yet it was... his own Frau Welshuh. And, Gott im Himmel, swathed in furs!

To a bewildered, happily-weeping Willi, the family unfolded the tale. In the last days of the war when the Welshuhns fled from the Soviet Zone, Frau W's brother had arrived from America and set her up with a knitting machine. It had marked the turning point for the Welshuhns, now the owners of a textile factory with 800 employees.

Son Horst thrust under Willi's quivering nose more proof of the Welshuhns' golden age... an advert placard showing a row of nifty feminine legs all wearing Welshuh stockings.

SUR LE PONT For London University graduate Christine Knowles, a sentimental journey, Midnight and moonlight on the nursery-song-famous bridge of Avignon.

But this time nobody was dancing there. Nobody but a couple of local thugs who walked up behind her, beat her over the head and stole her handbag.

Disillusioned, Christine made her way to the railway depot next day to pick up her bag. "But, pardon, madame, your friends lifted it for you early this morning."

The thieves, ransacking her handbag had found the left-luggage ticket.

For Christine Knowles everything was definitely "tout en wrong."

MODERN TYRANTS Church-goers in Graz, Austria, were outraged when they saw images of Hitler and Mussolini looming down on them from the walls of the City Parish Church.

They calmed down only when the priest explained that it was church custom to portray historical characters in its art, and that artist Albert Birle had included the anti-while tyrants as symbols of the anti-Christ in a Crucifixion scene.

Explained artist Birle: "I wanted to draw a parallel between the persecution of Christians in old and modern times."

NINETEEN YEARS LATE Naples Court of Appeal decided last week that barber Carlo Corbisiero didn't kill two cattle dealers in 1934.

The decision came 19 years after the "murderer" confessed his guilt to a Catholic priest. When the killer was executed by the Nazis, as a hostage in 1943, the priest revealed the confession to the judicial authorities.

Ever since, the courts have been mulling it over while Corbisiero has been serving his life sentence.

When he was released he had in his pocket \$18—money he earned by shaving his fellow inmates for 19 years.

NEXT TO GODLINESS It was the old, old squabble about who has the right to use the bathroom, when and for how long.

But this time, aboard the steamer Dvarka, it took a fragile turn. In the crew's quarters (lamps were high, slides had been taken in a quarrel over the use of the bathroom. Suddenly knives flashed.

Within only 20 miles of Karachi, fighting broke out. Deck passengers tried to break it up.

When the ship berthed three of the crew lay dead of knife wounds, two Somali and an Indian. Several passengers had been injured.

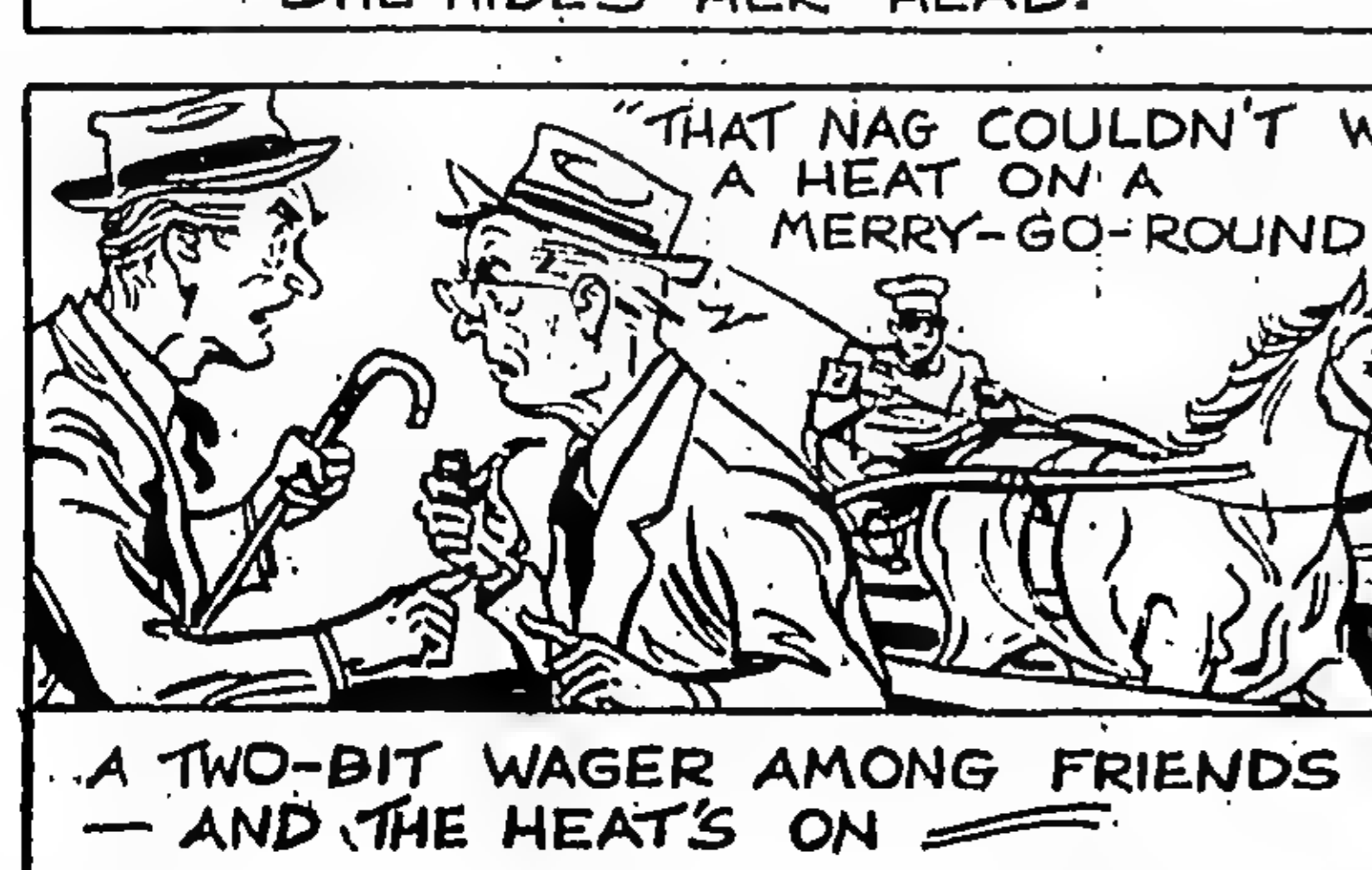
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WEEK-END SOFTBALL BY "SNOOPER"

Big Test Tomorrow For The USS Orca Sluggers

Few visiting U.S. Navy softball teams have broken into the Senior League in such spectacular fashion as the USS Orca and their ardent supporters believe the gobs were unlucky to drop a 3 to 2 decision to Jackie Wei's Pandas last week-end. Selection of the USS Orca as the "dark horse" squad of the season will draw no argument from hundreds of softball fans and when the Orca heavy hitters come up against Ed Carvalho's champion Braves for their second appearance at 2 p.m. tomorrow, many are of the opinion that the much-awaited tussle should provide entertaining, thrilling softball.

Following this main attraction, the Pandas, Summer League Champions, start strong favourites to beat Chev Tso's South China. This game starts at 3.30 p.m. Jindoo Hussain's rejuvenated St. Joseph's should encounter little opposition from the newly-promoted Rexes in the morning session game at 11 a.m. and are expected to score a runaway victory for their second straight win.

The USS Orca, behind the fast-ball pitching of Ray Willingham, put on an impressive display last Sunday against the Pandas. The gobs have the good hands and strong arms necessary to a slugging outfit. Despite the fact that they lacked practice, they set a blistering pace throughout the seven innings.

But for the wild pitch by Bill Williams in the dramatic seventh, the Pandas might not have got the nod. Oddly enough, one display in an afternoon's thrilling play cost the Orca a chance of lowering the colours of the Pandas.

Can the Braves consolidate their position by beating the USS Navy to make it four in a row?

This question will be answered tomorrow afternoon, but there is little doubt that the Champions will find the Orca ballplayers a very tough proposition.

In pitcher Ray Willingham, the Orca have a good man. Willingham struggled all afternoon in a pitching duel with Pandas' Jackie Wei and did a magnificent job.

Third baseman Bill Williams, right-fielder Jim Linville and first baseman Bill Stell, all outpaw sluggers, will certainly command attention when they take trips to the plate against the Braves and should they get into stride they are expected to pace their team in grand style.

WEEK-END SOFTBALL

The following is the Softball League programme at King's Park:

TODAY

Junior Division

2.30 p.m. CAA (1) v. Pandas (Umpires—Bill Silva, R. Hamet, and R. Long).

2.30 p.m. Maunus v. P.I. Dodgers (Umpires—Herick, Tony Wu, and C. M. Tung).

Senior "B" Division

4 p.m. Pandas v. P.I. Dodgers (Umpires—Frank Poon, R. Vieira, and A. Britto).

4 p.m. Americans v. Delawares (Umpires—Wally Ma, Harry Kwok, and A. P. Tien).

SUNDAY

Ladies' Division

9.30 a.m. Wahos "A" v. Wahos "B" (Umpires—George Pang and Art Ozorio).

9.30 a.m. South China v. Collectors (Umpires—D. S. Ling, H. Honnball, and G. Yen).

Senior Division

11 a.m. Rexes v. St. Joseph's (Umpires—C. Pomeroy, Lam Ping, and Chev Tso).

2 p.m. Navy v. Braves (Umpires—H. Wing Lee, R. Tso, and Y. S. Liang).

3.30 p.m. South China v. Pandas (Umpires—J. Carvalho, J. Brown, and F. Correa).

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LITTLE ARGUMENT

There's very little argument about who's the best first baseman in the Senior "A" League and in my opinion Chinese Athletic Association's C. M. Tsang will win by a landslide. But Braves' Carlos Yimovich is as adroit as any man in the softball business at handling the more difficult plays around the bag. Lucky Yimovich seems destined to maintain a high standard of play as first sacker for the champion Braves.

In the left-field, Dick Chaves continues to be a matchless performer. With his easy stride, he reaches dives that seem to be beyond him. He has held several spectacular running catches while playing in that position and is a great asset to the team.

Out for a fourth straight win against the Orca tomorrow, Ed Carvalho will probably field the same team that trimmed the Warriors last week-end. Although the gobs may not measure up to the Braves' impressive teamwork, they are, however, no easy team to beat. An upset win for the Orca is not unlikely.

The probable teams:

Braves—Pitcher—Jack Brown, Catcher—Ralph Kvidera, 1st base—C. M. Tsang, 2nd base—Frank Correa, 3rd base—Junior Remedio, Shortstop—Eddie Loucello, Left-field—Dick Chaves, Centre-field—"Smokey" Gutierrez, Right-field—Bull Dhabar.

USS Orca—Pitcher—Ray Willingham, Catcher—Ralph Kvidera, 1st base—Bill Stell, 2nd base—Bill Williams, 3rd base—Bill Williams, Shortstop—Eddie Loucello, Left-field—Dick Chaves, Centre-field—"Smokey" Gutierrez, Right-field—Bull Dhabar.

SAINTS v. REXES

Jindoo Hussain's Saints are strongly tipped to hang up their second straight win of the season at the expense of the Rexes, Senior "B" Champions last season. Reinforced as they are by four seasoned ballplayers from the Jaguars, Warriors and the Rexes respectively, it will take a very good side to beat the Saints this year.

Third sacker Benny Omar, sidelined in the opening game against the Warriors owing to an injury sustained in a soccer game, has recovered sufficiently well to make his first appearance for the Saints against the Rexes tomorrow.

Manager Hussain has decided to assist veteran Dave Leonard to shortstop while former mentor Art Ozorio will be seen at second. Outfielders are Meme Xavier, Sherry Bucks and Jindoo Hussain.

Rexes will have a most difficult task against the highly-touted Saints.

The probable teams: Saints—Pitcher—Vic Pedruco; Catcher—Ignar Erickson; 1st base—Ray Aldever; 2nd base—Art Ozorio, Joaquim Collaco; 3rd base—Benny Omar; Shortstop—Dave Leonard; Left-field—Meme Xavier; Centre-field—Sherry Bucks; Right-field—Jindoo Hussain, Showboat Ali.

Rexes: Pitcher—Nozarin; Catcher—A. G. Ismail; 1st base—A. A. Tpe; 2nd base—A. L. Cassumbhoy; 3rd base—S. Sunny; Shortstop—A. Ditta; Left-field—A. Rahkar; Centre-field—Y. Tpe; Right-field—A. Bux.

PANDAS FAVOURED

Following the Braves-USS Navy battle, an all-Chinese affair between Jackie Wei's

Pandas and Chev Tso's South China will be witnessed with the Pandas starting as favourites.

South China, behind the slow pitching of youthful Dick Lau, made a desperate bid to beat the Braves in their debut and did very well for a few innings to hold more than their own. With more experience Chev Tso could build a good aggregate out of the youngsters in this year's team.

Pitcher Dick Lau, given his first chance against the CAA, is a truer and a promising hurler but will have to give a much better account of himself against the Pandas if he is to pave his team to an upset victory. The Pandas' hitters will have plenty of room to exploit Lau's slow pitches, and should they hit hitting form, they'll dull South China's prospects of bringing off the unexpected.

In the triumph of their truly deserved 3-2 victory over the USS Orca last Sunday, the Pandas' ballplayers did not forget how much they owed to the remarkable brilliance displayed by their star hurler, Jackie Wei.

With catches, Raymond Tsoo contributing his share of work the Pandas are assured of a sound battery. Veterans Wally Ma, Y. S. Liang, Harold Ong and Willie Woo should live up to expectations.

The probable teams:

Pandas—Pitcher—Jackie Wei, Catcher—Raymond Tsoo, 1st base—Harold Ong, 2nd base—Willie Woo, 3rd base—Wally Ma, Shortstop—Y. S. Liang, Left-field—Allen Chang, Centre-field—S. S. Hsu, Right-field—Benny Fan.

South China—Pitcher—Dick Lau, Catcher—S. C. Wong, 1st base—C. W. Ng, 2nd base—W. K. Kam, 3rd base—Y. K. Chan, Shortstop—L. C. Poon, Left-field—P. M. Wong, Centre-field—K. F. Chan, Right-field—Y. F. Chan.

SENIOR "B" GAMES

Two Senior "B" games will be down for decision this afternoon with Jimmy Herick's Pandas playing Fred Diez's P.I. Dodgers in the opener and Bob Suzman's Americans facing Bill Silva's Delawares in the feature game.

Herick's Pandas were disappointing last week-end. Although they came back strongly to edge out the Americans, they lacked teamwork and displayed loose fielding. Plenty of scope for improvement remains with the Pandas judging by their mediocre performance last Sunday.

The Pandas' hitters were hesitant to rely too much on bunts instead of slamming those slow pitches, but up against an unimpressive P.I. Dodgers squad, who were trounced by the Wildfires last week, the Pandas should come through for their second win of the season.

In the main attraction, Bob Suzman's Americans will have to extend Bill Silva's Delawares, tipped in some circles to cop this season's Senior "B" pennant.

Americans' pitcher Jack Carvalho was unable to control his pitches under strain in the later junctures of the game against the Pandas, and unless Suzman is able to secure a relief pitcher, it will be rough going for Carvalho again today.

It is expected that Suzman will make several changes in the line-up this afternoon. Bill Brimley, one of the regulars of the Yankees outfit, gave a poor performance at left-field last week and it may take some time before he is able to reproduce the form that made him one of the valuable players in the American camp last year.

Mario 'Red' Pereira, catcher, is a welcome addition to the Americans' line-up. Although he disappointed greatly in his first appearance, there is every reason to believe he'll prove his worth in future games.

Bill Silva's Delawares will be well served by a bunch of speedy youngsters who have demonstrated not only good teamwork but ball skill as well. The Delawares should coast home to a big victory this afternoon.

The probable teams:

Americans—Pitcher—Jack Carvalho; Catcher—Mario 'Red' Pereira; 1st base—John Heide; 2nd base—Pomeroy; 3rd

base—Chuck Cross; Shortstop—Honey; Left-field—Bill Brimley; Centre-field—Wheeler; Right-field—Rosen.

Delawares—Pitcher—"Gogo" Santos; Catcher—Tony Rodri; 1st base—Junior Pomeroy; 2nd base—Carlos Assumpcao; 3rd base—Vic Britto; Shortstop—Sonny Sequeira; Left-field—Charlie Remedios; Centre-field—Albert Tavares; Right-field—Junior Assumpcao, Mario Machado.

LADIES' LEAGUE

Terry Noronha's all-time champion Wahos will have a practice session tomorrow when they meet Virgie Ribeiro's Wahos "B" in what appears likely to be a virtual walkover. In the other game, Benita Remedios' Collectors are given an edge over South China. An exciting and close game is expected.

The probable teams:

Wahos "A"—Pitcher—Terry Noronha; Catcher—Nana Carvalho; 1st base—Doreen Ozorio; 2nd base—Bernadine Remedios; 3rd base—Stella Correa; Shortstop—Irene Starkey; Left-field—Gwen Dragoon, Sheila Collins; Centre-field—Terry Campos; Right-field—Alex Mendoca.

Wahos "B"—Pitcher—Evelyn Alonso; Catcher—Angelina Delgado; 1st base—Angela Aquino; 2nd base—Virgie Ribeiro; 3rd base—Myra Cruz; Shortstop—Yolanda Silva; Left-field—Valerie Fernandez; Centre-field—Edith Xavier; Right-field—Elaine Soiza, Marie Cecilio Basto.

Collectors—Pitcher—Benita Remedios; Catcher—Aida Oliveira; 1st base—Dolly Norman; 2nd base—Antonia Remedios; 3rd base—Sally Sun; Shortstop—Sheila Bernal-Silva; Left-field—Cynthia Tavares; Centre-field—Pamela Hall; Right-field—Diane Pires.

IT'S GOING TO BE QUITE A STRUGGLE FOR THE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

Says "THE ZOMBIE"

The Cricket League season enters its fourth week this afternoon with a promise of still better things to come. The First Division League standings already show even at this early stage that an extremely close race for the Championship is under way.

For the first time in years, the task of picking the eventual Champions is a difficult one. Army, whom I nominated at the commencement of the season as the favourites, are meeting with much stiffer opposition than anticipated and have still to show consistent Championship form.

Kowloon Cricket Club put up a disappointing performance last week-end against Craignower. Their much-vaunted array of bowlers failed to even make a dent in Craignower's batting armour and for almost two solid hours were kept in an unhappy chase of the leather.

A missed catch that could have dismissed George Souza in the early 10's was a contributing factor to Craignower's huge score, but that did not seem to be the only factor.

Craignower, undoubtedly the strongest batting side in the League, has considerable strength right through the batting order as shown by the contributions of Hurry Madar, Mohinder Singh, Baji Dhabar and Bill Collidge in this particular match.

I still felt that the Kowlooners are not exploiting their bowling talent to the fullest benefit. There seemed to be too much concentration on bowling perfect balls to a defensive field rather than bowling to the batsman's weaknesses and forcing him to make a false attacking stroke.

In a half-day match, much more chances have to be taken, whether in batting or bowling, and the side that goes for safe play will invariably get off with a draw at the most.

With the gambling element thrown in and both the batting and bowling sides forcing the pace, the result cannot but be a bright game.

EXPERIENCE COUNTS

Captaincy and the experience of batsmen and bowlers in these half-day matches play an important role and in view of this the Scorpions with Alec Pearce as their skipper and the Optimists with Laurie Kilbee will still be hard teams to beat as the season progresses.

Blind hitting is not cricket, but the batsman who needs only a very short period of stay at the crease to get his eye in and to open his shoulders without any hesitation is the ideal

one for these League matches. Among such are Stanton, Gerry Gosono, George Souza, Laurie Kilbee and Len Stokes.

This afternoon's First Division programme of five matches should provide excellent cricket. Most promising are the clashes between IRC and Army at the IRC ground and between KCC and Recoil at Cox's Road.

The match against Army will give Indian Recreation Club their first serious test in their bold bid for the Championship this season.

So far they have shown promising form both in bowling and batting. Fast bowling, however, has always been the scourge of local batsmen who have only very rare opportunities of facing really fast bowling at the nets, and it is likely that Alexander will do a lot of damage this afternoon should he strike a length and should the wicket suit him.

The very small field will also provide an additional advantage to the heavier-hitting Army batsman and I doubt very much if the Indians will be able to hold the soldiers.

CLOSEST GAME?

I expect a closer game between the Kowloon Cricket Club and Recoil. Recoil will be fielding their full team, but KCC has made one change—crucial schoolboy cricketer Norman Oei coming into the team in place of A. T. Lee.

Both teams are comparatively much stronger in bowling than in batting, and the making of runs will be left to a small number of batsmen.

Recoil, who carried out a successful experiment in putting in Luigi Gosono and A. E. Noronha as the opening partnership, seem to be more reliable in batting ability and are expected to take full points if they have second lease of the wicket.

The intra-club affair between the Scorpions and the

Optimists at Chan's Road will, as always, provide an excellent game.

Last year, the Optimists nearly succeeded in wresting the Championship from the Scorpions by handing them a sound beating in the intra-club encounter, and it looks as though, despite the poor start by both teams, the result of this match will still have an important bearing on the ultimate destination of the Championship.

In the other two First Division matches, Craignower will hold a slight edge over the Royal Air Force in their home match and University over Navy.

The Airmen have always been easy victims of left-arm bowling and I doubt if this year's team will be an exception. Craignower's stock of three left-arm bowlers in Dhabar, Billmorra and Hong Choy should give the batsmen fairly long uncomfortable periods at the crease.

HOW THEY STAND

	First Division	P	W	D	T	L	Pts
KCC	3	2	1	0	0	0	9
IRC	3	2	1	0	0	0	9
Army	3	2	0	0	1	0	8
Scorpions	3	1	0	1	1	0	6
Recoil	3	1	0	1	1	0	6
CAA	3	1	0	1	1	0	6
RCC	3	1	0	1	1	0	6
Optimists	3	1	0	0	2	4	4
University	3	1	0	0	2	4	4
Navy	3	0	0	0	3	0	0

	Second Division	P	W	D	T	L	Pts
Army	3	3	0	0	0	0	12
DBS	3	2	0	0	1	0	8
Dockyard	3	2	0	0	1	0	8
Police	3	2	0	0	1	0	8
RAF	3	2	0	0	1	0	8
IRC	3	2	0	0	1	0	8
KCC	3	1	0	0	2	4	4
Navy	3	1	0	0	2	4	4
Recoil	3	1	0	0	2	4	4
University	3	0	0	0	3	0	0
KGV	3	0	0	0	3	0	0

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"BELLEROPHON"	Liverpool & Dublin	23rd Nov.	24th Nov.
"MENTOR"	Glasgow, Rotterdam, Amsterdam, London, Antwerp & Hamburg	23rd Nov.	26th Nov.

Scheduled Sailings from Europe			
	Sails	Arrives	
"ATREUS"	Liverpool	27th Oct.	
"BELLEROPHON"	do	27th Oct.	
"MENTOR"	do	27th Oct.	
"PATROCLOS"	do	17th Oct.	
"ANTIOCHUS"	18th Oct.	17th Nov.	
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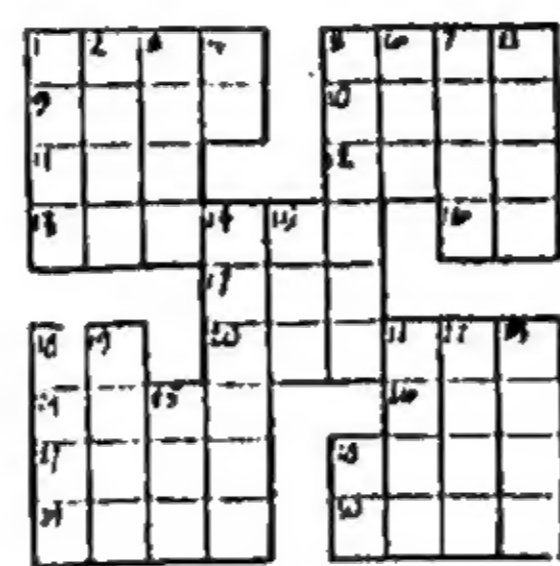
Games With Words

ALL of these words have the letters DAY at the beginning or the end. The figures in each case tell how many other letters are needed to make the meaning given.

The first word, "DAY plus 5," meaning "DAWN," is DAY-BREAK. The second word, "3 plus DAY," meaning "Fish day," is FRIDAY. Some holidays ending in DAY are included in the game.

1. Dawn. DAY plus 5.
2. Fish day. 3 plus DAY.
3. To celebrate peace (two words). 6 plus DAY.
4. A U.S. midwestern city. DAY plus 5.
5. Now. 2 plus DAY.
6. When we give tokens of affection (two words). 9 plus DAY.
7. Famous British scientist who worked in the field of electricity. 4 plus DAY.
8. Vacation. 4 plus DAY.
9. Named for a star. 3 plus DAY.
10. Named for a planet. 5 plus DAY.
11. Named for another planet. 3 plus DAY.
12. To celebrate a marriage (two words). 7 plus DAY.
13. Your first day. 5 plus DAY.
14. To celebrate a great voyage of discovery (two words). 8 plus DAY.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Small bird.
5. Extinct bird.
9. Emerald Isle.
10. The sea is a — bird.
11. Unit of weight.
12. Shield bearing.
13. Solid (comb. form).
16. Behold!
17. High mountain.
18. Italian river.
20. Slipper.
24. Against.
26. Mineral rock.
27. Let it stand.
28. Auditory.
29. Musical quality.
30. Disagreeable tune.

DOWN

1. Dampens.
2. Tunnel.
3. Sea eagle.
4. Compass point.
5. Sags.
6. Rowing implement.
7. European herb.
8. Butter substitute.
14. Unkempt bird.
15. Note in Guido's scale.
16. Time gone by.
18. Preposition.
21. Carry (coll.).
22. Great Lake.
23. Part of a ship.
25. Shrub.
29. Correlative of either.

A gold mine here—skyscrapers too



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Do Horses Like to Eat Sawdust?

—They Do If They're Merry-go-Round Horses!

By MAX TRELL

KNARE and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, heard Mr Punch talking on the telephone as they entered the playroom.

"Yes," he was saying to somebody, "I'll see what I can do, Mr Thompson. I'll be over as soon as I can, sir. You say they're very hungry, eh? Do you think they'll like a bale of hay and some oats?"

Mr Punch listened at the phone for a moment or two. "Oh," he finally said, "you mean that's what they eat. I'll try to get it, sir. I'll be over as soon as I can. Good-bye, Mr Thompson."

On hanging up the phone, Mr Punch looked around and saw Knare and Hanid.

"You'll have to help me," he said. "First of all, I need a big bag. Then you've got to help me fill it up with sawdust."

This seemed like a curious request. Knare and Hanid asked Mr Punch what the bag of sawdust was for.

"For some horses," was Mr Punch's surprising answer. "But," Mr Punch said to Knare, "horses don't eat sawdust."

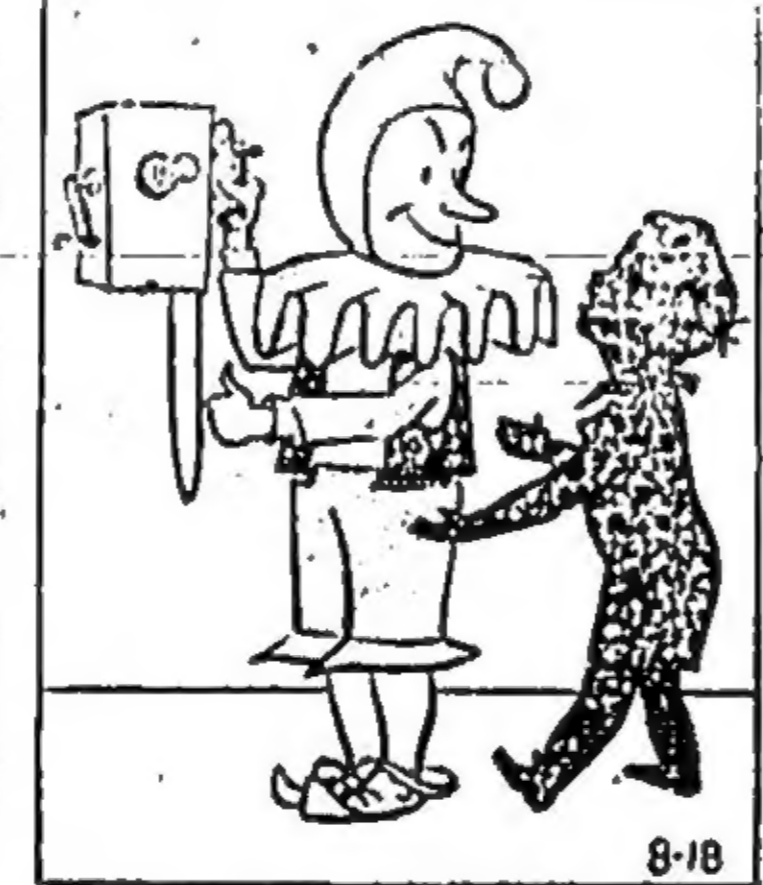
"That's what I would have thought," said Mr Punch. "But Mr Thompson says they do."

Hanid wanted to know who Mr Thompson was.

"He's the man who takes care of the horses, my dear. He lives in the park. Now let's have no more questions. We've got to hurry and get that bag of sawdust. Mr Thompson says his horses are very hungry and won't be able to go around to-morrow if they don't get their sawdust tonight."

"I suppose," said Mr Punch, "you'd like to see the horses that are going to eat this sawdust?"

"To tell you the truth," said Mr Punch, "I'm pretty curious to see them myself. All right! Come along!"



Mr Punch got a Phone Call from the Owner of the Horses.

see them myself. All right! Come along!"

So they went with Mr Punch. They got into a taxicab and were driven to the entrance of the park. It was now quite late at night and the park was closed.

All except one tiny gate, half hidden in the shadows, which was partly open.

Then they walked down the path through the park until all at once they saw a man carrying a lantern, coming toward them with a smile on his face.

Horses Will Be Happy

"Why, Mr Thompson?" said Mr Punch. "Hello there, Tom!"

"I'm glad to see you all," said Mr Thompson, as he shook hands with Mr Punch and gave Knare and Hanid each a pat on the head. "I'm glad to see you brought the bag of sawdust as I asked. You don't know how happy my horses will be to get it. Come this way, all of you."

"What kind of horses are they?" Hanid asked Mr Thompson as they walked along.

"You'll see in a minute," said Mr Thompson. "They're waiting for us just around the corner."

They walked around the corner. Then Knare and Hanid and Mr Punch saw the horses. They were all standing in a ring, one behind the other (or one before the other). Some of them were red. Some were white. Some were blue. Some were golden. They were merry-go-round horses.

"No wonder they like sawdust," said Knare.

"I'd be the most surprised man in the world if they ate anything else," chuckled Mr Thompson.

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A Western Tale About:

The Indian Warning That Turned Into a Surprise

By HAROLD GLUCK

POLLY HOPPER was a teen-age girl who lived in the neighborhood of the Snake River in the year 1821. And this is the strange story of a heroic deed that wasn't.

Mrs Ferrins was the wife of a settler who lived on the outskirts of the little settlement of pioneers. On this particular day she was alone with her one-year-old baby. She left the child and went to the spring for water. When she had filled her bucket and rose to the top of the bank she imagined she saw Indians. So she dropped her bucket, ran to the cabin and took her child in her arms. Mrs Ferrins ran with all her might to her nearest neighbor, who was Thomas Hopper. As soon as he came near enough to be heard, she shouted, "Indians!" at the top of her voice.

Polly Hopper, hearing the terrifying shout of Mrs Ferrins, seized a rifle and ran to a herd of horses that was nearby in the shade of some trees. She caught a flea-bitten grey bell mare, the leader of the herd, for this particular horse was gentle and easier to catch than the others. Polly mounted the animal without a saddle and started to alarm the settlement.

The first house that she passed belonged to Benjamin Majors, who was the father of the famous man who founded the Pony Express. As Polly rode past the house she yelled the dreaded cry, "Indians!"

AT ONE HOUSE

BENJAMIN MAJORS was sick in bed. He at once jumped out of bed when he heard that terrible warning cry. He took a heavy gun from the rack, hung his shot pouch over his shoulder and gathered his three children around him. They headed for the large home of Henry Rennick. There happened to

be on that particular day a large group of men gathered at Henry Rennick's home to discuss the building of a stockade for the protection of their families in case the Indians should start an attack.

Onward rode the brave Polly, shouting the dreadful warning call to all the pioneer families. When Polly Hopper reached the Rennick home she was in a fainting condition. The men took

her off her horse and laid her on the ground. Cold water was thrown over her face and she regained consciousness.

"A very brave child," said Mr Rennick, "to warn all of us and save our lives."

For two days the people remained in Mr Rennick's home. In fact he had so many visitors that several of them had to camp outside on the ground. And they all had nice large appetites, and his supply of food was reduced to nothing in two days.

But everyone agreed that Polly was the heroine of the day. Then some of the braver men took their rifles, mounted their horses, and went looking for the Indians. Alas, they couldn't find a single sign of an Indian.

So they questioned Polly and then in turn questioned Mrs Ferrins. And they realized it had been a false alarm caused by the jumpy nerves of Mrs Ferrins. But they didn't scold Polly. For she was really a heroine. As far as she was concerned she thought the "Indians" were real and did a brave deed. But later, when she retold the story of her adventure as a young girl, she always smiled.

"I couldn't have ridden the horse any faster even if there had been real Indians after us."



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MISFIT IN CRIME

HENRY is a frail-looking man, not yet 30. Seeing him you might think he had led a quiet life as a clerk ever since he left school. His pallor suggests too-long hours at a desk, his neat blue suit, smooth chin, careful haircut, that it is as much as his job is worth to appear untidy.

His cheeks are somewhat hollowed, and you might account for that by supposing he was missing occasional luncheons, either saving to get married or saving to support a marriage earlier undertaken.

In all of these respects, except perhaps the hollowed cheeks, Henry differed from those usually charged with the crime to which he pleaded guilty from the dock at Bow Street.

SUSPECTED PERSON

HENRY was accused of being a suspected person "loitering with intent to commit a felony, namely, to steal from unattended cars."

Of all the crimes in the lists that are daily dealt with at London's courts, it is this one that attracts the seediest characters. Youths who in their early twenties are already long past their prime; despairing middle-aged idlers; aged, shabby men who have no roots anywhere except in prison.

"Don't do me for 'susa' gunner," they whine, as the police who have watched them trying to steal rugs, suitcases, coats from cars arrest them.

"Susa" is their word for suspected person.

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NO one would have thought of Henry as one, and yet there he stood pleading guilty. The Chief Magistrate, Sir Laurence Dunne, arched his eyebrows interrogatively towards the witness-box, where a policeman stood ready to tell him about Henry and his crime.

"This man was watched for 40 minutes near Leicester Square," he said.

"He tried the door-handles of a number of cars, all of which contained property," the Chief Magistrate asked.

"No, sir. He's a single man. When he left school in 1941, he joined the Merchant Navy as an ordinary seaman. His pay was £18 a week."

WHAT ON EARTH

THE rate of pay sounded high, until you remembered the date. A boy going into the Merchant Navy in 1941 earned his money. The U-boats were having their best year.

"He stayed in the Merchant Navy until 1945," the officer went on, "then he left and got a job as a builder's labourer in Cheshire. He was home in the north. He was there six years, then he came to London where he got a job as a laundry wash-houseman at £6 10s. a week. He left that job a year ago and since then has worked as a leather-cutter in a glove factory, where his wages are £8 10s. a week. He is still working there."

Sir Laurence looked at Henry. "What on earth made you do this?" he asked.

BACK TO WORK

"DUNNO," said Henry, looking almost as puzzled as the Chief Magistrate.

"I was just depressed."

"But you've led a useful and decent life, and you've got this job—it's a good one, isn't it?"

"Aye," Henry said. "I could go back there this afternoon."

"Have you got any people?"

"I've a mother in the North. She's in hospital." Saying that a sort of misery came into Henry's voice.

"Think of your people before you do this sort of thing," Sir Laurence said. "They wouldn't like you to be sent to prison, would they?"

"No-no," Henry looked appalled at the suggestion. He was discharged conditionally, and was set free to return to his work. Seeing him go, I felt it would be some time before his conscience set him free from remorse at the peril in which he had placed his good name and his family's.

C. C. CHINNER

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Should A "Ref" Advise?

Sir—I was interested to read a report in the press that the local soccer referees had taken up I. M. MacTavish's suggestion that as a consequence of some confusion in the recent Army-Navy game, they should discuss the question of the indirect free kick.

The official in charge of the game has now quite rightly, had his say, but what he has said is, in part, alarming.

First, he admits that he was "puzzled" and that is really synonymous with "confused." It is obvious that things were not as well organised as they might have been. But it is the next part of his statement that really makes one think.

He is reported as saying: "I thought the Navy were making it easy for their opponents to score and told the Navy players that they could pick their goal etc."

Since when has the referee become an adviser on tactics during a game? What a fantastic set-up this could turn out to be. Are we to understand that this official admits that he advised one team on how best to prevent their opponents from scoring a goal?

Taking up good and correct position is one of the arts of the game and if defenders position themselves badly—what ever the reason—it is surely no part of the referee's job to offer advice like "Look here you chaps if you stand there your opponents will score." I advise you to stand over here where you will have a better chance to keep the ball out."

Forget about Sookunpoo and local conditions. Think of a similar thing happening at Highbury, or Ibrox, or Ninian Park. There would be one tremendous blow-up. And the rules of the game and the powers of a referee are the same here as there.

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Declaration By G.A.T.T. On Japan's Admission

Geneva, Oct. 23.
Mr Shinichi Matsumoto, Japanese delegate to the GATT, stated at a press conference after today's session that he was "very pleased and happy" that his country had been elected an associate member.

"The working party found an extremely ingenious text for the decision which made us associate members whereby some delegates—such as the French—could vote for us."

GREEK ROYALTY GOING TO U.S.

Paris, Oct. 23.
King Paul and Queen Frederika of Greece today left here by train for Le Havre where they will board the liner United States to sail to New York. They will spend a fortnight in the United States on an official visit.—Reuter.

Turpin Not Going To Retire

New York, Oct. 23.
Randolph Turpin's manager, George Middleton, said today that Turpin was not going to retire from boxing.

He said Turpin, the British champion, had been asked questions about retirement immediately after he had lost the world title fight to Carl (Bobo) Olson on Wednesday, and Middleton quoted Turpin as saying "Not yet. I am only 25 years old."

Middleton added: "I think I know most of the things Turpin has on his mind. Two offers for bouts are being considered by Middleton, but he declined to make further comment about them."

"At the moment," he said, "he is going to relax and rest for two or three months—and we will dig up something early next spring."

Middleton said Turpin was feeling well and in "pretty good spirits."—China Mail Special.

India Defeat Pakistan At Soccer

Rangoon, Oct. 23.
India beat Pakistan in the first match of the Quadrangular Football Tournament today. The only goal of the game was scored by rightwinger Joel Duouza during the last minutes.

The game was fast and exciting with both teams evenly matched. India's teamwork and football were excellent but the Pakistani goal-keeper saved many hard shots.

Pakistan's forwards wasted many long shots but at times attacked the opposing goal which was ably defended by India's backs.

During the last minutes of play there was a melee before the Pakistani goal during which Duouza headed the ball into the net but received the knee of a Pakistani in his stomach which immobilised him temporarily.

Meanwhile heated arguments broke out among the Indian and Pakistani spectators but the Burmese crowd good-naturedly stopped them from developing into a serious fight.—France-Press.

OUT TO LOWER FLO'S RECORD

Gibraltar, Oct. 23.
A Portuguese distance swimmer, Batista Pereira, has arrived at Tarifa, on the Spanish side of the Straits of Gibraltar, hoping to beat the record for swimming the Straits.

Miss Florence Chadwick, the American swimmer, set the record last month by swimming from Tarifa to the Moroccan shore in five hours six minutes.—Reuter.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I give 'em about one more season before they join our checker league!"

U.S. RICE EXPORTS DECISION Controls Relaxed

Washington, Oct. 23.
The United States Government today relaxed its export restrictions on rice shipments to foreign countries.

Effective immediately the Commerce Department relaxed the United States' export controls on rice to most countries under general licence instead of individual export licences which had been required since September 1952. At the same time the Agriculture Department abolished rice allocations, also in effect since September last year.

Individual licences would be continued to be required for shipments of rice to Hongkong, Macao and the Soviet bloc countries and no exports would be permitted to China or North Korea, the Department said.

The Department added that the Korean situation and a reduction in requirements of the Defence Department for Pacific Islands had now "eased" the supply-demand situation for rice sufficiently to permit relaxation on exports abroad.

United States rice exports constituted only a very small percentage of total world trade, but a present world shortage had raised demand for American rice.

The fourth quarter (1953) United States export allocation totalled a little over 9,000,000 100-pound bags.—Reuter.

In Switzerland For Medical Treatment

Geneva, Oct. 23.
Mr. Ghulam, Mohammed, Governor-General of Pakistan, arrived by air today from Karachi and proceeded to Zurich by train.

It is understood that the Governor-General, who spent the afternoon in a Geneva hospital, would seek medical advice in Zurich. He is accompanied by an aide de camp.—Reuter.

Boys And Girls Solutions

1—Daybreak, 2—Friday, 3—Armistice Day, 4—Dayton, 5—Today, 6—Valentine Day, 7—Monday, 8—Sunday, 9—Holiday, 10—Saturday, 11—Monday, 12—Wednesday, 13—Birthdays, 14—Columbus Day, 15—Daytons, 16—Daylight, 17—Daytime, 18—Thursday, 19—Yesterday, 20—Independence Day, 21—Daydream, 22—Wednesday, 23—Labour Day, 24—Heyday.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB SECOND RACE MEETING

(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)
Saturday, 24th October, 1953.

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 10 RACES
The First Race will be run at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race run at 2 p.m.

The Secretary's office at Alexandra House will close at 11.45 a.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED.
All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him.

Tickets will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 77811).

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years, Western standard.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS & REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

SERVANTS

Servants must remain in their employer's boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths in the Members' Betting Hall.

CASH SWEEPS

The cost of a Through Ticket is \$20.00. Through Tickets reserved for this meeting but not paid for by 10 a.m. on Friday, 23rd October, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

There will be a Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting. The cost of each ticket is \$2.00.

Cash Sweep Tickets may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Queen's Building, (Chater Road), 5, D'Aguiar Street and 382 Nathan Road, until 11 a.m. on Saturday, 24th October.

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Notice is also given that the share register of the Company will be closed from Monday, 19th October, 1953, to Saturday the 24th October, 1953, both days inclusive.

Dividend warrants will be issued at the registered office of the Company, No. 144-148 Des Voeux Road, Central, 1st Floor, Hongkong, on and after the 26th October, 1953.

By Order of the Board,
LAU TAK PO,
Managing Director.

Hongkong, 23rd Sept., 1953.

NOTICE

**THE HONG KONG
JOCKEY CLUB**

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the 3rd Race Meeting 1953/1954 to be held on Saturday 7th and Monday 9th November, 1953, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Tuesday 27th October, 1953.

By Order of the Stewards,
H. MISA,
Secretary.

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